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**ON THE COVER**—Arche-typical Southern scenes such as this father and daughter passing a leisurely afternoon on the steps of the country store are getting harder and harder to find in today's increasingly homogeneous South.

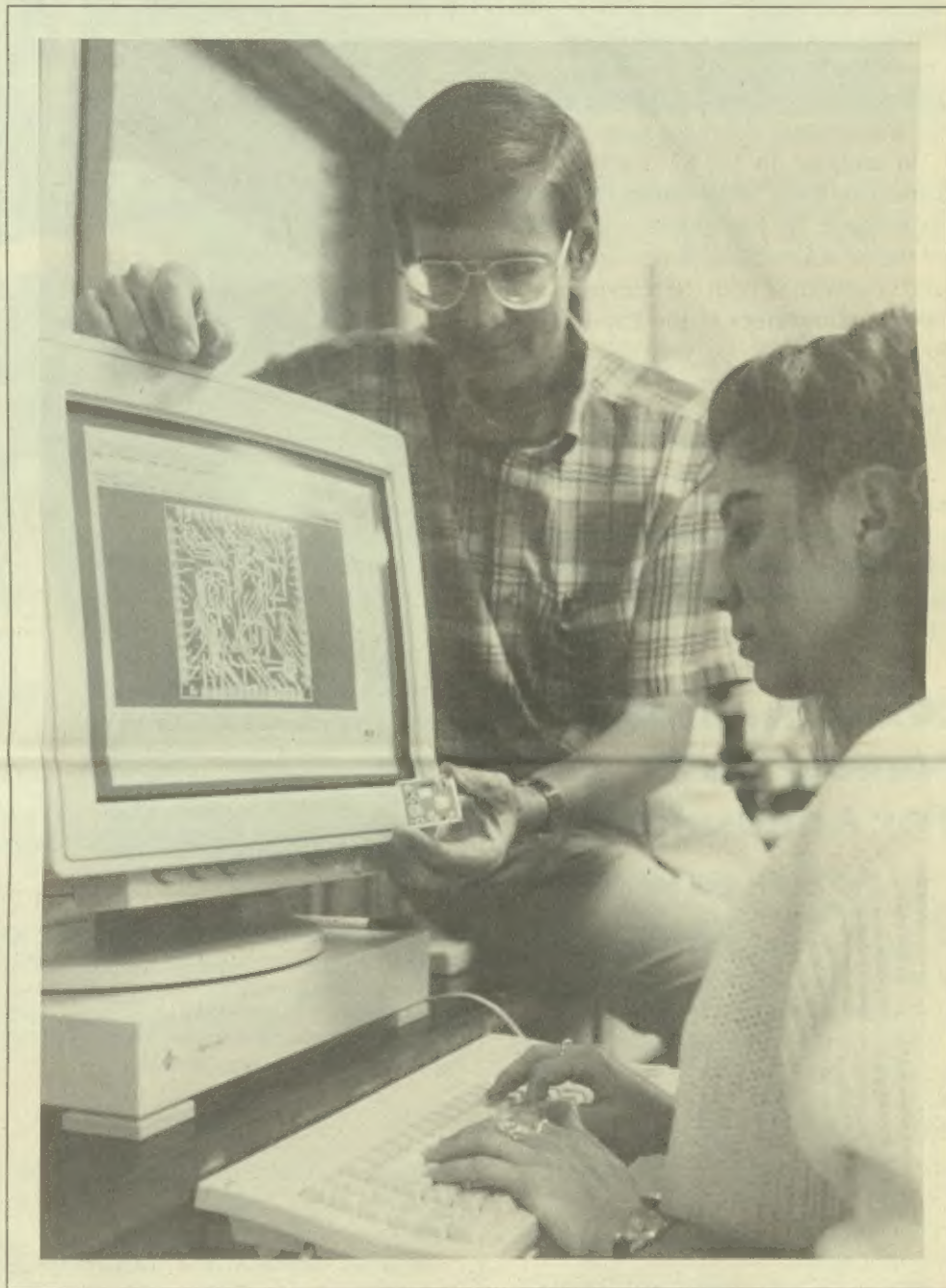
## Mentor Graphics Makes \$4.7 Million Computer Gift

Oregon-based Mentor Graphics Corp., one of the world's largest vendors of computer-aided design equipment, has given the AU College of Engineering a gift of state-of-the-art computer software valued at \$4.7 million. The software will equip 10 computer workstations used primarily in electrical engineering undergraduate and graduate design courses and in the research projects of a number of professors.

"This is just the kind of partnership between business and education that we need to see if American technology is to return to a leadership role," said AU President William V. Muse in accepting the gift. "We appreciate Mentor Graphic's gift and its recognition of the importance of our engineering program."

David Irwin, head of Electrical Engineering, says the equipment will enable students to train on systems and circuit boards they will eventually use in private industry. "With this software, students will design very large integrated circuit chips. In addition, they now have the capability of using a special language for hardware design and simulation."

Mentor Graphics chairman and CEO Tom Bruggere said the company decided to make the gift to AU because of the high quality of Auburn's engineering programs. "Mentor Graphics believes having well-educated students who have experienced the latest design techniques will contribute to the continued growth of the U.S. electronics industry," he said. "Our higher education program gives us the opportunity to partner with universities such as Auburn that are at the leading edge of technology."



**COMPUTER GIFT**—Junior electrical engineering major Aileen Zoebisch works on one of the College of Engineering's new Sun workstations under the careful eye of Associate Professor Victor Nelson.  
—Photo by Jim Killian

## Lude Succeeds Dye as Tiger AD

Mike Lude, executive director of Miami's Blockbuster Bowl and formerly long-time athletic director at the University of Washington, is the new athletic director at Auburn, filling the void created when Pat Dye stepped down from his dual role as head football coach and athletic director April 30. Lude was introduced by President William V. Muse at a June 12 press conference on campus.

Saying Auburn had arranged its own

"blockbuster deal," Muse revealed that he initially approached Lude as a consultant in the search for a new athletic director, "but the more I learned about Mike, the more I was convinced that he had all the ingredients Auburn needed."

A graduate of Hillsdale (Mich.) College with a master's degree from Michigan State University, Lude has a remarkably varied background in athletics and administration. Following

service in the Marines in World War II, Lude served as head baseball coach, trainer, and instructor of physical education at Hillsdale College before moving to the University of Maine as head baseball coach in 1949.

Two years later, he moved to the University of Delaware, where he served as an assistant football coach, assistant to the director of admissions, and assistant professor of physical  
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education. In 1962, Lude began an eight-year stint as head football coach at Colorado State University, where he remained until leaving to become athletic director at Kent State University. He left Kent State in 1976 for the athletic director's post at the University of Washington, where he helped develop one of the premier athletic programs in the country, culminating in a national championship in football in 1991. Lude assumed the executive directorship of the Blockbuster Bowl last year.

In addition to his job background, Lude also has a wide variety of related experience. He has served as chairman of the NCAA Football Rules Committee and chairman of both the television and budget committees in the Pac-10 Conference. In 1988, he was selected by his peers as president of the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics and was honored with the Jim Corbett Award as the outstanding athletic director in the country.

Lude, a native of Kalamazoo, Mich., is married to the former Rena Pifer. They have three daughters: Cynthia, Janann, and Jill.

## Board Approves Sliding Scale For Admissions

As part of an overall effort to boost black enrollment, the AU Board of Trustees has approved a sliding scale that will provide more flexibility on university entrance requirements.

The new admission policy—unanimously approved on June 1 by the board and supported by President William V. Muse—will use a scheme that gives weight to the American College Test (ACT) score and grade point average (GPA), rather than just the ACT score.

The rule will require an ACT score of 18 with a 2.0 GPA, a 17 ACT with a 2.5 GPA, or a 16 ACT with a 3.0 GPA. Auburn's current admission standards require a score of 18 on the ACT and a 2.0 high school average. The new standards will be implemented in 1992 for prospective students applying for entry into the 1993-94 freshman class.

Drafted by the University Senate, the new admission rules are considered one way to create a larger pool of prospective black students. Muse has said that one of the top goals of his administration will be to increase black enrollment and to hire additional black faculty and administrators.

U.S. District Judge Harold Murphy has also ruled that AU must develop a plan to end any vestiges of racial discrimination. As of fall quarter, 4.6



**AGRICULTURE SUPPORT**—Goodwin L. Myrick, left, president of ALFA/Alabama Farmers Federation, was on campus recently to present a \$50,000 check to AU President William V. Muse. The gift was the first installment of a \$250,000 pledge by the organization targeted for support of outstanding students majoring in agriculture. The funds will be added to a \$320,000 endowment previously established by ALFA/Alabama Farmers Federation for agriculture scholarships at Auburn.

percent, or 1,009, of Auburn's 21,836 students were black, a 19.1 percent increase over the previous year.

In other action at the board's June 1 meeting, president *pro tempore* Michael B. McCartney '57 was re-elected to a fourth term. The Gadsden businessman was first appointed to the board in 1979 by then-Gov. Fob James '57, then re-appointed by current Gov. Guy Hunt.

## Research Funding Declines for First Time in a Decade

Proration and poor economic conditions in general during fiscal 1991 caused Auburn's competitive research funding to drop for the first time in nearly 10 years, according to Vice President for Research Paul Parks '56.

Research support for 1990-91 totaled

\$25.8 million, a decrease of more than \$1.1 million from the previous fiscal year. The university's last decrease in research funding occurred in 1982.

The deans of engineering and agriculture, AU's two largest research colleges, report that proration and the slow economy have affected their research programs in a number of ways. Roughly 10 percent of their faculty and staff positions, for example, are vacant and cannot be filled.

"Increased teaching workloads squeeze the amount of time faculty can devote to writing proposals and conducting research," says Agriculture Dean James Marion.

"Proration has hit us right between the eyes," agrees Engineering Dean William Walker. "We're having trouble securing funds from industry because of the economy. Research funding is one of the first things corporations drop in hard economic times."

AU research and instructional pro-

grams are also closely interrelated, Walker adds. "For years, with inadequate funding, our research program has been helping to sustain our instructional program. When one is affected the other begins to feel some effects."

Despite the overall drop in funding, Parks did note that there was some good news as well. Several schools and colleges actually posted modest increases in extramural research funding, and the total number of contracts and grants awarded in 1991 actually increased, although the total value was less.

## AU's Budget Share Is \$142.2 Million

The \$2.7 billion 1992-93 education budget approved by the legislature May 18 includes \$142,253,911 for the Auburn system, a \$4.5 million increase over the prorated 1991-92 total, but considerably less than the \$150.7 million originally appropriated in 1990-91. Two straight years of proration have cost AU roughly \$18.5 million in state funds.

Legislators failed to approve the tax reform package that, had voters approved, would have generated an estimated \$424 million per year in revenues for the state's education system.

"We are disappointed that tax reform died in the Senate," said AU President William V. Muse. "I hope the people of Alabama are aware of the funding crisis that hampers education in this state, and that they will eventually insist that improvements be made in the quality of education their children receive."

## Muse Restructures Administrative Posts

Several upper AU administrative positions are being added or restructured in accordance with a new plan recently announced by President William V. Muse.

The position of executive vice president, formerly held by George Emert, who on July 1 became president of Utah State University, is being reclassified to that of vice president for administrative services. The new vice president will be responsible for facilities, personnel, police and parking, computing, telecommunications and educational television, and airport operations. A search to fill the position is expected to get underway shortly.

Muse also announced the position of vice president for academic affairs will be upgraded to that of provost. The provost will be the university's chief academic officer and will act as president in Muse's absence. Jack Blackburn, the current vice president for academic affairs, will continue to act in



that post until the provost position is filled. The search is scheduled to begin this fall.

In other changes, Director of Planning and Analysis Gerald Leischuck '64 was named executive assistant to the president. Leischuck will continue to serve as secretary to the board of trustees and will also oversee Auburn's affirmative action and governmental relations programs in addition to planning and analysis.

Finally, a new position—special assistant to the president for minority advancement—will be created. This post will have responsibilities for working with the president and other university officers to improve the diversity of the student body, increasing the hiring and advancement of minorities for faculty, staff, and administrative positions, and enhancing the climate for minorities in the Auburn system. The search to fill this position is also scheduled to get underway this fall.

## Education Receives Grant to Promote Minority Recruiting

The AU College of Education recently received four grants totaling \$949,319 from the U.S. Department of Education aimed at recruiting minority students into graduate programs.

The grants were awarded to the Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education to increase the number of minorities in each field. The programs begin this fall and provide financial support for students, including fellowships and tuition and fees.

"These fields, which serve people with physical and developmental disabilities, are faced with an acute shortage of minority professional personnel," said department head Phil Browning. "Our department is highly committed to actively recruiting minority students and preparing them for careers in these professions."

Two of the grants are for master's programs in special education, one in the area of the emotionally conflicted and the other in learning disabilities. The other two grants are for doctoral programs, one each in rehabilitation and special education.

## Large Named New VP for Business

Donald L. Large '75 is AU's new vice president for business and finance and treasurer.

Large, an accounting graduate, had been acting vice president since May 1, 1991, when James L. McDonough left to accept the position of vice president for business affairs at New Mexico State University. Prior to coming to AU in 1987 as controller, Large was a certified public accountant with Deloitte, Haskins, and Sells of Birmingham.

## History's Flynt Named Graduate Faculty Lecturer

The Auburn University Graduate Council recently named University Professor Wayne Flynt as the Distinguished Graduate Faculty Lecturer for 1992, in recognition of his numerous contributions to graduate-level education.

Flynt, a member of the Auburn faculty since 1977 and a former head of the Department of History, will receive a \$2,000 honorarium from the Alumni Association. His lecture is reprinted on pages 8-11 of this issue.

The author of seven books, including the multiple award-winning *Poor But Proud: Alabama's Poor Whites*, Flynt was earlier named the 1991 Professor of the Year in Alabama by the Council for the Advancement and Support of Education.



**AEROSPACE REUNION**—Three former aerospace engineering professors were among the special guests attending the dedication ceremonies for AU's new aerospace engineering and classroom facility recently. Making the trip back to the plains for the occasion were, left to right, Fred Martin, Bill Sherling, and Ken Harwell.

## Campus Capsules

### Graduation Sets New Marks...

The 2,070 new graduates at spring quarter graduation June 10 joined 3,207 other 1991-92 graduates, as Auburn awarded a **state record 5,277 degrees** during the academic year. The spring class also set a record for the School of Nursing, as 68 graduates—the most in the school's 12-year history—walked the aisle to receive diplomas. Since awarding its first five diplomas in 1860, the main Auburn campus has conferred more than 143,000 degrees.

### Campus Hosts TAC Championship...

Auburn played host to more than 14,000 visitors June 29-July 4 as the host site for the 1992 **Athletics Congress Youth Track and Field Championship**. More than 4,200 competitors participated in the event, and—along with their families, friends, coaches and trainers—pumped \$9 million into the local economy.

### Prof. on Olive Odyssey...

AU plant pathologist Rodrigo Rodriguez-Kabana is in Spain this summer helping solve one of the nation's most pressing environmental problems—**how to dispose of the mounds of olives** left over after olive oil has been extracted from them. Rodriguez-Kabana, who received a Fulbright Senior Research

Award for the project, will work with Spanish scientists on improved methods for using the oodles of olives for mulch, fertilizer, and cattle fodder.

### \$1 Million Grant Received...

Auburn recently received a **\$1 million grant** as part of the nation's largest privately funded effort to keep U.S. students, particularly minorities, competitive in science and mathematics. The Howard Hughes Medical Institute, based in Bethesda, Md., made the award as part of a \$175.5 million project to boost science education at 181 colleges and universities. AU, the University of Georgia, and the University of South Carolina were the only three Deep South institutions selected for the grants.

### AU Designs in Business Week...

Auburn was well-represented in the 1992 **Industrial Design Excellence Awards** (IDEA) competition, the winners of which were featured in the June 8 issue of *Business Week* magazine. Randolph Carter '83, director of industrial design at SpectraLogic in Atlanta, received a gold award for new software designed to quickly identify the correct type of pacemaker device for use in surgery. An industrial design then-student team of James Catoe '91, David Hobbs '91, Jack Lollar '91, and Stephen Zwonitzer '91 won a silver prize for their model of a lunar

rover designed for NASA's Marshall Space Flight Center. And another former student, Randy Bernard '92, received a bronze prize for his design of a hypodermic needle dispensing machine.

### AU Sponsors Aviation Conference...

The first international conference on the **history of civil and commercial aviation**, sponsored by AU, the National Air and Space Museum/Smithsonian Institution, and the Swiss Transport Museum, will be held Aug. 23-29 in Lucerne, Switzerland. David Lewis, Hudson Professor of History and Engineering at AU and an expert in the field of commercial aviation history, is conference director. More than 35 international historians—from England, Germany, Switzerland, France, Sweden, Russia, Japan, and the U.S.—are expected to participate.

### Auburn Panhellenic Tops...

For the second straight year, the AU Panhellenic Council has received the **top scholarship award** from the Southeastern Panhellenic Conference. The award is based on outstanding scholarship programming and high scholastic standing. Auburn was also recognized as one of two universities with higher sorority grade point averages than the all-women average in the region, which includes colleges and universities in Alabama and Mississippi.



# Letters to the Editor

## AGLA Issue Revisited

Dear Editor,

This letter is written in response to the recently published (April-May issue) letter to the editor from Kenneth and Kathryn Graves Henderson concerning the controversy surrounding the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association (AGLA).

First of all let me say that I probably fall into the category of being "narrow-minded" and "know-nothing" because I am a conservative Christian and the wife of a minister, who is also an Auburn graduate. For what it's worth, I had several gay and lesbian friends and acquaintances during my years at Auburn. I do not dislike them nor do I condone their actions.

As a Bible believer, I truly believe that the sexual preference of gays and lesbians is not part of our Creator's plan. I would like to believe that the members of the Alumni Association, who endorsed the petition drive aimed at revoking the AGLA charter, were only standing up for such moral convictions and not making the new organization a target for hate.

Unfortunately, with any controversy, there is usually some mud-slinging on both sides of the issue. Not being there, I have no way of knowing exactly how this matter has been handled. But if the Alumni Association members have stood their ground in an upright manner, then I would not say "shame on them" like the Hendersons, but rather bless them for being part of a fading number of people who still have moral convictions and who will speak up at the risk of being labeled "narrow-minded" and "know-nothing" people.

The letter I am responding to stated that the Alumni Association should be ashamed "for endorsing such a petition drive and encouraging discrimination against groups of individuals because of what they do in the privacy of their own homes." Well, once you organize an association based solely on what people do in the privacy of their own homes, the privacy factor is somehow forfeited.

I also do not think the university should endorse a charter based on a common sexual preference. What about a Heterosexual Association? Where do you draw the line? I don't believe it's necessary to list the possibilities of charters that could be organized based on what a group does "in the privacy of their own home"! Undoubtedly the AGLA charter has a more noble statement of purpose, but the fact remains that their unifying thread is the "private" sexual preference.

I, too, "hope that the board of trustees finds the wisdom and courage to uphold one of the basic principles of

educational excellence, that of allowing diversity," but realize that all diversities do not need their own university-endorsed charter.

Jill McKay Battles '81  
Lake City, Fla.

Dear Editor,

This letter is in response to a letter from Kenneth and Kathryn Henderson in the April-May issue of the *Alumnews*.

I would simply like to say that I support Alabama House Bill 454 and the position taken by the Alumni Association petitioning for revocation of the charter of the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association.

I am proud to be affiliated with the Alumni Association as it takes a stand against the vocal liberal minority. Don't back down!

Tom Rogers '83  
Gaithersburg, Md.

Dear Editor,

I, along with the majority of Auburn alumni in the Birmingham area that I am in contact with, whole-heartedly support the SGA and the Alumni Association in their stand against official recognition of the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association. Their stand for what is right even in the face of persecution by an off-track ACLU and a vocal, sometimes militant minority has prompted nothing but supportive comments from both the alumni I come in contact with and friends who are aware of my Auburn connections.

Let the AGLA meet as often and wherever they like, discuss whatever they wish, and generally take advantage of all the freedoms any group of people in America are due. But an organization should not be given preferential treatment based on the manner in which they prefer sex. And they certainly do not deserve to be supported by tax money when, at the heart of their existences are actions which violate state and federal laws. There is a big difference between *tolerance of* and *support for* the AGLA.

Thank you Alumni Association and SGA. Despite what some may say, your stand gave the majority of Americans a positive impression of Auburn University.

Clyde F. Adams '78  
Leeds

Dear Editor,

I should like to add my voice to the correct and courageous actions of the

Alumni Association in resisting the official sanction and recognition of a small group of homosexuals on the Auburn campus. Moral absolutes are still valid and by any yardstick of correctness one wishes to use, homosexuality is contrary to conscience and morality.

Trying to justify their aberrant behavior by comparing their actions to bona fide minority groups, i.e. ethnic or racial organizations, is a well known [AGLA] standard operating procedure in this controversy. A case in point is one outraged alumna's question [letters, June issue] as to "why don't they [the Association] turn their attention to laws against underage drinking and heterosexual sex outside of marriage which are broken every day at Auburn?"

I would like to know where the writer obtained her facts and to remind her that even if they are accurate, these groups have not organized and requested official sanction and recognition, to the best of my knowledge.

The Association's actions may not be acceptable to a few alumni, but I would think the majority appreciate their courageous and strong stand in this matter.

Joseph S. Jones '50  
Florence

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. and Mrs. Henderson's letter (April-May issue) in which they voice support for the Auburn Gay and Lesbian Association on the grounds that such an organization promotes diversity, I propose that such diversity should be extended more widely.

For example, we should encourage a more diverse student body by chartering organizations which promote not only homosexuality, but also bestiality, pedophilia, sado-masochism, and necrophilia as well. The Auburn Whips and Chains Association has a certain ring to it.

Let us by all means promote diversity at the public's expense and with the coerced endorsement of students, parents, and alumni who believe in traditional conceptions of ethics.

Christopher Graves '90  
Crabapple, Ga.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The *Alumnews* will no longer print letters regarding the AGLA issue.

## Help Sought in Locating Camera

Dear Editor,

At spring commencement June 10, I

watched with pride as my daughter graduated from Auburn magna cum laude. It was a happy day—until we found out that we had no pictures to remember it by.

My daughter took the camera onto the coliseum floor to make pictures and when we got ready to take pictures after the ceremony, she realized she had left the camera at her seat. Though only 10 minutes had passed, the camera was gone.

If anyone found a Canon Sure-Shot camera on the floor following the ceremony, we would be grateful if they could return it, or at least return the film inside, to Jan Burns, 1305 W. Park Ave., Valdosta, GA 31602. Otherwise, we will have no pictures of our daughter in her cap and gown on her big day.

Jan Burns  
Valdosta, Ga.

## Emerts Bid AU Fond Farewell

Dear Editor,

These past eight plus years have rushed by like drops of water in a mountain stream.

We faced our few remaining days at Auburn with a deep sigh. We have been humbled and privileged to have been allowed to share in the highs of great accomplishments and the lows of difficult situations that make up family endeavors.

Billie, our children, and I will forever be thankful to Dr. Martin for inviting us to come here and appreciative of the experiences we have had in this wonderful university and community. Please know that a part of our hearts will remain in Auburn and that what we have learned at Auburn will go with us as we face new opportunities ahead.

As we leave, we are comforted by the fact that our new president, William V. Muse, has shown great knowledge, skill, and courage during his first months in Samford Hall. With the guidance of the Board of Trustees and support from faculty, students, staff, and alumni, he will serve Auburn well.

To each of you we offer encouragement to love Auburn even more, and there is no doubt that Auburn will return that love 10 times over. In the words that we first heard spoken by Roy B. Sewell, "Let's War Eagle forever!"

George and Billie Emert  
Auburn

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. Emert, executive vice president at AU since 1984, became the new president of Utah State University in Logan, Utah, on July 1.



## The Editor's Column—

### The Road to Ruin

By Mike Jernigan '80

College graduates, high-tech industry, and Sun Belt prosperity are leaving Alabama behind, but at least they're leaving on modern highways.

Tax reform, and with it the hope of critically needed relief for Alabama's punch-drunk education system, died at the hands of the state legislature on the final day of the 1992 session. The reform package, which as originally proposed would have generated more than \$424 million in new revenues, will never even come before a vote of the people. But due to a bill that did pass this session, Alabamians are paying a new five-cent-per-gallon gasoline tax to help fund highway maintenance and construction.

One way to interpret these developments is to reach the chilling conclusion that education in Alabama is less important than highways. As long as the roads are safe for the busses that take our children to school, we need not worry about what happens once they get there.

But we should be worried. The correlation between a state's commitment to education and its economy is well documented, and Alabama's habitual ranking at the bottom in both areas provides further proof. It's no coincidence that North Carolina has the research triangle; Tennessee an influx of automobile manufacturing and other new industry; and Georgia the South's business capital of Atlanta. South Carolina recently made national headlines for luring a new BMW auto plant—expected to employ more than 2,000 workers—to the Greenville-Spartanburg area. These states have made a strong and lasting commitment to improving their education systems and have gotten returns far in excess of their investments.

What, on the other hand, do employers see when they look to Alabama to provide a workforce for high-tech industry or a headquarters for big business?

They see a population where one in eight citizens—more than half a million statewide—are illiterate, and 800,000 more read at a fourth-grade level.

They see a state where only 57 percent of citizens 25 or older have completed high school—the lowest percentage of high school graduates in the nation.

They see a state where—in 1990—only 11.6 percent of the population were college graduates, compared to 12.2 percent in 1980.

They see a state where 42 percent of the precious few students who do go on to college must take remedial courses to make up for poor high school preparation.

They see a state which many college graduates—42,524 between 1980 and 1989—leave upon finishing their education due to lack of

employment opportunities, creating a "brain drain" similar to that in many third world nations.

And they see a state where McDonald's—hardly a high-tech employer—reports trouble finding employees with acceptable math, reading, and writing skills to work in its fast-food restaurants.

In addition to the economic implications, the social costs of a poor education system are equally staggering. In 1989, more than 65 percent of every food stamp and welfare dollar and 70 percent of all Medicaid payments went to high school dropouts, who also make up roughly 90 percent of the 13,000 inmates in the Alabama prison system.

Such statistics make the solution seem both obvious and inescapable. We can pay for long overdue educational improvements by making meaningful reforms in our antiquated and special-interest-riddled system of taxation, or we can continue to pay for a scarcity of educational quality by failing to successfully compete with our sister Southern states for job-creating industries and by funneling more and more tax dollars into social programs and prisons.

The choice is ours. It's high time for Alabamians to send a message to their politicians that schools are at least as important as highways, and to stop paving the road to educational improvement with nothing but good intentions. Otherwise, the only route we're taking toward this state's future is a road to ruin.

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**HAPPINESS AND REGRET**—After watching our editorial assistant and friend, Lisa Wolfe '91, pack up and head off to her new job at an advertising agency here in Auburn, I think I know a little of what it must feel like watching your firstborn daughter leave home to go away to college.

Lisa came to us almost three years ago as a junior English major, with little writing experience but a great deal of hidden talent. She didn't keep it hidden for long. A voracious reader with a rare hunger to learn, Lisa also turned out to be one of the finest writers I have encountered, and we soon came to depend on her greatly for everything from editing to helping with production. Regular readers may remember her outstanding features on Auburn's core curriculum, artist and silversmith William Spratling, and proration's effects on the university, to name just a few.

After graduation in June of last year, Lisa stayed on to act as our assistant editor while Mary Ellen was out for six weeks on maternity leave, then remained with us as editorial assistant until last month. Watching her develop as a writer, a person, a professional, and a friend has been a great source of satisfaction for me, and her departure was an occasion marked by both happiness at her good fortune and regret that she will no longer be a part of the *Alum-news*. We'll miss her greatly, but we expect great things from her in the future. **AA**

## Guest Column—

### Thoughts From A New Dean

By Gordon Bond  
Dean, College of Liberal Arts

I was just finishing my first cup of coffee that Thursday morning the last day of April when President Bill Muse called and invited me to a 10 a.m. press conference in the AU Hotel and Conference Center.

While the main item on the agenda was the announcement that Coach Pat Dye was stepping down as athletic director, President Muse chose to also use the occasion to officially introduce me to the public as the new dean of the College of Liberal Arts. I was surprised and very appreciative that the president would handle my appointment in this manner, and I jokingly indicated to some of those assembled that I was disappointed not to be named the new athletic director but being the new dean of liberal arts would be challenge enough.

As President Muse told the press about me and the college, I began to reflect on the size, quality, and diversity of the faculty, students, and staff which make up the largest college on campus. With some 300 faculty and 5,000 students, I realized that I have a lot to learn about my colleagues and the numerous programs offered in the college.

When I first came to Auburn in 1967 as an assistant professor of history, we were the School of Science and Literature under Dean Roger Allen. With the arrival of Dean Edward Hobbs we became the College of Arts and Sciences and were so constituted until the university reorganization in 1985, when we gave up the sciences and mathematics and received in turn the School of Fine Arts. This addition of the departments of Art, Music, and Theatre to the humanities, social sciences, and communication disciplines now make up the 15 departments of the College of Liberal Arts.

The modern comprehensive land grant university is a complex institution with the stated missions of teaching, research, and extension. This is all a far cry from the original medieval universities where students gathered around scholars to study a limited curriculum. But in a very fundamental sense much is still the same. The faculty and students are central to the institution, and teaching and learning remain at the heart of the university experience. The faculty, students, administrators, staff, and alumni are all part of the Auburn family, but it is the proper role of the faculty which seems to be the most misunderstood by those outside of the university community.

Many are familiar with the famous story of the new university president, Dwight Eisenhower, welcoming the faculty of the institution at the beginning of the academic year. "May I welcome you to Columbia University," President Eisenhower announced. At once a faculty



member rose from the audience and responded, "Mr. President, we are Columbia University."

This story suggests the traditional role of the faculty and although the modern university, especially state-supported ones, have evolved a complex interactive network of constituencies, all with an appropriate role to play in the life of the institution, the fact remains that the quality of the university is dependent upon the faculty. Administrators come and go, but it is the dedicated, loyal commitment of the faculty which gives the university its reputation.

### The Faculty's Role

Perhaps the role of the faculty is better understood if we look at the various roles professors are asked to play within the context of the modern university. Most of the faculty at Auburn are involved, to some extent, in teaching, research, and extension. In Liberal Arts teaching and research tend to be dominant activities, although we do have an active extension program in most departments and especially through the Center for the Arts & Humanities. Faculty teach, in comparison with our peer institutions, rather heavy loads. Teaching loads as an indicator of faculty productivity is a topic currently being raised throughout the country. Clearly we want our best faculty to devote the maximum amount of time with students. But at a comprehensive research university such as Auburn, faculty are expected to conduct research and publish their findings, thereby contributing to our knowledge in a particular discipline.

New knowledge, new theories, new methods of research, new interpretations, and new ways of presenting information are developing so rapidly today that our faculty, in order to remain current in the field, must not only conduct their own research programs but must also constantly review the latest literature in their fields. Attendance and participation at professional meetings help keep the faculty current, but also provide an opportunity to test a hypothesis or suggest a new interpretation. In this way, Auburn faculty help determine the course and content of these disciplines. They are, consequently, in a much better position to evaluate proposed new concepts in their fields and incorporate appropriate new knowledge into their courses. Rather than merely teach from textbooks written by faculty elsewhere, many Auburn faculty write their own.

By comparison, junior college faculty and teachers at smaller, non-research colleges usually teach their students primarily with material drawn exclusively from published textbooks. Students at Auburn may receive, in addition from standard textbooks, first-hand examples or results from the Auburn faculty member's own research. In many cases the Auburn faculty may have worked with or been on a first-name basis with the leading scholars in the field—or they may be the leading scholar in that field. What I am suggesting is that university faculty are usually extremely well educated scholars whose teaching goes far beyond providing the student with basic knowledge in a discipline. Most stu-

dies suggest that the most outstanding classroom teachers are also among the most active researchers. As a result, an Auburn-educated student should be better prepared for the competitive world awaiting after graduation.

Good teaching, including the research and related activities outlined above, requires a great deal of time and energy. Although teaching two classes a day is about the norm at Auburn and may not seem too demanding, this is only part of a professor's daily routine. Counseling, advising, testing, reading exams and assignments, etc. consume much of the day. As we attempt to make the overall curriculum more writing intensive at Auburn, even more faculty time will be required for responding to the students' written work.

Eleven of the College of Liberal Arts departments have graduate programs and four of these provide doctoral degrees. Supervising graduate students, directing their study and research and reading theses and dissertations all require additional attention from the faculty. One thesis or dissertation may run several hundred pages. Intensive one-on-one supervision required in the fine arts and communication disorders may dominate a faculty member's work week.

In addition, one of the most misunderstood roles of the faculty is in the administration of the institution. Faculty at Auburn and other similar universities play an integral role in the efficient administration of the campus. Indeed, it would be virtually impossible for the university to function without the active participation of the faculty. At Auburn there are 47 major committees with more than 375 faculty serving as members. Some committees are composed entirely of faculty; others include some full-time administrators, staff, and students.

Such vital interests of the university as admissions, academic standards, curriculum, tenure and promotion, budget, calendar, and athletics, all have standing committees. Faculty research issues, collect information, write reports and make recommendations, and work with administrators to implement policy and procedures. Indeed, it is difficult to imagine any major decision, from administrative reorganization to core curriculum, that did not have active faculty participation.

A modern university is like a finely tuned instrument with each component, trustees, administrators, faculty, staff, students, and alumni working together in harmony for the desired end. The faculty clearly are the heart of the institution, but they realize that as important as they are, they are advisory to the administration and trustees. The faculty constitute a valuable resource whose collective wisdom and active participation are indispensable to the successful administration of the institution.

### What to Teach

What to teach has also been a hot topic in academe for the past several years. At the heart of the question has been the issue of cultural diversity or multiculturalism. Supporters suggest that the traditional content of courses in disciplines such as history and literature (to name

just two) have not given sufficient focus or perspective to "marginalized" groups—women, minorities, non-western cultures, etc. As a result, many colleges have adopted a broader world view as opposed to the more traditional western civilization orientation to this curriculum.

An attempt has been made to be more sensitive to issues of gender, race, and religion and more inclusive of those who may have been underrepresented in what is usually considered mainstream or traditional scholarship. Opponents to this movement have reacted to the concept and to what they see as an attempt to impose conformity on the treatment of these issues by applying the pejorative term PC—Political Correctness—to those who would challenge the traditional curriculum. The debate over Stanford University's new curriculum is perhaps a good example. Auburn's world history curriculum dates from 1969 and the new core curriculum has attempted to incorporate the best of the ideas on multiculturalism, gender, and diversity which have emerged from this national debate.

Teaching and research occupy most of the attention of Auburn faculty in liberal arts, but extension activities are increasing as academic departments attempt to share their expertise with the community outside the university. Closer ties are being forged with the public schools and other state agencies.

Finally, as I assume the duties of dean of the College of Liberal Arts, I am impressed with the marvelously talented faculty I am privileged to work with. I am more optimistic about Auburn's future than I have been during the past 25 years. In spite of the state's inability to adequately fund the institution, I am hopeful given the excellent leadership of President Muse and his administration, the promised support of the trustees, the quality of the faculty, staff, and students, and the continuing support of our alumni. Auburn is poised for even greater success as we move toward a new century. AA

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## Russia, Cayman Island Coming Alum Destinations

Two trips for the adventurous at heart are scheduled for August as part of the Alumni Association's War Eagle Travelers Program.

If you want to see history in the making in the form of the changes sweeping the former Soviet Union, then the Russia's Magnificent Heart tour August 7-20 offers the perfect opportunity. Or for those who prefer their adventure a little closer to home, the August 27-30 mini-tour to Grand Cayman Island may be just right.

Travelers on the Russian vacation will begin their adventure in Moscow, where they will spend two nights before boarding the *M/S Sergei Esenin* for a five-night cruise via the Oka River to Novgorod. Ports of call include the cities of Kolomna, Ryazan, Konstantinovo, Kasimov, and Murom. From Novgorod, it's on by air to St. Petersburg for a three-night stay that includes trips to the Hermitage and Peter the Great's summer palace. The trip concludes with two nights in Berlin.

The cost of the trip (per person from Atlanta) varies from \$4,095 to \$5,195, according to the shipboard accommodations desired, and includes most meals and sightseeing as well as roundtrip airfare and hotel accommodations.

For the slightly less adventurous, a three-night diving and sightseeing trip to Grand Cayman Island may be just the ticket. Participants will depart Atlanta via Cayman Airways for a stay at the beautiful Radisson Resort. There, they can sunbathe, shop, snorkel, or take advantage of optional dive trips for both experienced divers and beginners.

The package cost is \$710 per person, double; \$950, single; \$640, triple; and \$610 quad. Children under 17 staying in their parents' room may be added at \$375 per child. Two-day diving programs for experienced divers as well as novices are available for \$155 and \$145 per person respectively.

For more information about the Russia tour, the Grand Cayman trip, or the War Eagle Travelers Program, call Pat Brackin at (205) 844-1132, or write War Eagle Travelers, Auburn Alumni Center, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849.

## DeMent President Of SEC Directors

Betty McLendon DeMent '71, AU assistant vice president for alumni affairs, was elected president of the Association of Alumni Directors of the Southeastern Conference (ADSEC) during the group's annual meeting in Destin, Fla., recently.

ADSEC is an organization of alumni association CEOs that provides information and networking for the enhancement of alumni programs at SEC member institutions.

DeMent, who assumed her present position in 1990 after serving as director of economic development at West Georgia Tech in LaGrange, Ga., is a charter member of the organization.

## Golden Eagles, Reunion '92 Coming This Fall

Nationally recognized speaker Jeanne Swanner Robertson '67, the 1930s and '40s Auburn Knights, Tiger football, and a host of other special activities are in store for alumni return-

ing to campus this fall for either Reunion '92, Sept. 25-26, or the Golden Eagles Reunion, Oct. 22-24.

Robertson, whose humorous presentations have won her a host of speaking awards, will be keynote speaker for the Reunion '92 luncheon, just prior to the AU-Southern Miss football game.

Also on tap for Reunion '92—which honors the classes of 1947, 1952, 1957, 1962, 1967, and 1972—is a class dinner and dance; campus, athletic complex, and library tours; faculty seminars; and a special trip to Chewacla State Park.

For members of the class of 1942 and previous Golden Eagles attending the Golden Eagles Reunion, a reception at the home of new AU President William

V. Muse and his wife, Marlene, will kick off the weekend Thursday night.

Campus tours, faculty seminars, deans' receptions for alumni of some colleges and schools, and the Golden Eagles induction banquet and dance will follow on Friday, with music at the dance provided by members of the Auburn Knights orchestra from the 1930s and '40s. Saturday's highlights include the national meeting of the Alumni Association, the Homecoming luncheon, and the Tigers' football game with Southwestern Louisiana.

For information for either reunion, write Bee Beasley or Jeanice Hammock in the Office of Alumni Affairs, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849-5149, or call (205) 844-1150.

## MAKE TRACKS... BACK TO AUBURN!



**We're planning a party, but it won't be complete without you! This year's class reunions—Reunion '92 September 25-26, and the Golden Eagles Reunion October 22-24—promise to be our best ever. So pack up your old kit bag and make your plans now for a weekend full of food, fun, friends, and football. Don't miss out on a reunion to remember!**

**Reunion '92  
Friday & Saturday  
September 25-26, 1992**

**Golden Eagles Reunion  
Thursday-Saturday  
October 22-24, 1992**



**TREKKING TIGERS**—Michael Walden '73 and his wife, Renee, visited China's Forbidden City while touring the country recently with other War Eagle Travelers.



# Will There Always Be a South?

By Wayne Flynt,  
University Professor

**Y**es and no. There will always be a South. But the South that has been may not resemble the South that will be.

Distinctiveness will remain, but a distinctiveness different in some ways from the past. Many writers have taken their turn at describing what makes the South distinctive: historian U.B. Phillips chose weather and race; literary historian Louis Rubin selected a sense of place and history and concrete language; journalist Wilbur J. Cash chose the South's extreme individualism, its propensity to violence, fundamentalist religion, and anti-intellectualism; historian C. Vann Woodward argued for a distinctive experience of poverty, defeat, and guilt.

Sociologist John Shelton Reed uses a more contemporary designation of the South as a region characterized by violence (below the "Smith and Wesson line"), where kudzu and wisteria grow, the Kappa Alpha fraternity and Baptists thrive, a land with poor plumbing, bad teeth (fluoride is a Communist plot), low burglary but high homicide rates, the birthplace of country music, colleges with their own sports magazines, low percentages of females in traditional male jobs, and strong preferences for their own ethnic foods.

All these arguments for Southern distinctiveness have drawn fire, the most recent from a Mississippian with splendid credentials for the fray: Hodding Carter, III. Although Carter now runs a television production company in Washington, D.C., where both his residence and occupation might disqualify him to speak on the subject, his August 1990 essay in *TIME* Magazine, entitled "The End of the South," caught my attention.

Carter touched all the major issues in his essay. As the 20th century winds to an end, legal segregation no longer exists and de facto segregation is no more peculiar to Jackson, Mississippi, than to Jackson, Michigan. The solid Democratic South is more gone with the wind than the novel (which unhappily seems to have a continuing life of its own). The instincts which cause Southern whites to vote Republican are similar to the ones causing Northern whites to support the G.O.P. After defeat in Vietnam, Southerners are no longer the only Americans who have lost a war. Cities below the Potomac are growing faster than national urban areas, and Southerners now move more frequently than people born elsewhere.

The two fastest-growing groups in the South are Hispanics and white Yankees. And the 1980 census revealed for the first time this century that more blacks are moving south than north. The South is still poor, but in 1988 the Rocky Mountain states replaced the South as the region with the lowest per capita income. Hodding Carter's medium, television, along with other



elements of mass culture, have relentlessly assaulted the Southern sense of context, continuity, and community. Most young Southerners these days have the same fuzzy notions and ambivalent sentiments about country music and the Lost Cause as they do about the Bible. They are vaguely aware that all of these exist but are more attuned to *Playboy/Playgirl*, recent wars, and MTV. During a recent history class at a Mississippi university, a young white student interrupted a lecture on the Civil War to ask: "Tell me again, which side was Sherman on?" Perhaps the frantic attempts of the Kappa Alpha fraternity to preserve "Old South Day" or of Southern legislators to keep a Confederate flag flying atop their capitals is actually a testimony to how fragile Southernness has become.

Having begun my career writing about Southern politics, then having moved to the South's rural folkways, thence to its regional economy and persistent poverty, and finally to its religion, I want to borrow from all of these to suggest that Hodding Carter's epitaph for Dixie, like so many before it, may be premature.

Note how many characteristics make the South the South, and notice as I list them how many have changed:

1. **SYMBOLS:** The Confederate battle flag; barbecue; grits; family reunions; country music; Southern accents.

2. **TRAITS:** Hospitality; extreme individualism; inclination toward violence; ties to extended family; fundamentalist, evangelical, and pentecostal religion.

3. **POLITICS:** Racism; political conservatism; states' rights; support of the Democratic Party; persistent poverty.

Obviously, many of these characteristics no longer identify the South at all, or at least do not distinguish it from other regions. Blacks are voting with their

feet that racism is no more persistent in the South than in the non-South. The South's divorce rate leads the nation and Alabama presently has more single parent families than any other state. So much for family solidarity. Atlanta and Nashville both have classes to instruct Southerners in how to lose their accents, and people actually enroll in them.

But it will take some powerful persuasion to convince me that barbecue, family reunions, country music, individualism, hospitality, an inclination toward violence, political conservatism, or poverty are about to be listed on a regional endangered cultural species list.

The South remains the most socially and politically conservative region of America; it remains the most violent even in these violent times (for 1991 Washington, D.C., was the murder capital of America, followed by New Orleans in second place; Atlanta was sixth and Birmingham seventh). The South is the region least inclined toward collective and cooperative solutions to problems; it is the region most formally tied to evangelical religion and especially to classic denominationalism; it is the nosiest and most hospitable region.

In establishing the probability that the South as a distinctive region will survive into the 21st century and probably beyond, I want to examine briefly seven topics: how the South sees itself and is seen by non-Southerners as distinctive; race; migration; religion; folkways; politics; and literature.

Not only do Southerners continue to insist on their own distinctiveness, Northerners seem to agree with them, though not necessarily for the same reasons. C. Vann Woodward argued that the South's history made the region unique. The nation as a whole produces more book critics, philosophers, theologians, and writers per capita than the South does. But among historians it is a different story. We average one historian per 2,300 people compared to the U.S. average of one per 2,900. The study of history still flourishes in the South, and that study tends to be local and parochial. Or put another way, Southerners enjoy history, especially their own.

Reinforcing this tendency to see our own past as distinctive is the inclination of non-Southerners to do the same, though not necessarily with the same positive assumptions. Of course, many non-Southerners know as little about history as Southerners. Recently, the host of a second-rate quiz show asked a contestant to name a Confederate state and the person responded "Philadelphia." Among Northerners who are better educated, the result may well be worse. Opinion polls in 1964, 1976, 1980, and 1992 make it clear that many Americans still don't believe that Southerners deserve an equal opportunity to serve the nation as president.

During Jimmy Carter's presidency Pete Hammill wrote in the New York *Daily News* about a Southern lady: "Her voice was slow and Southern, but there



was something cultured about it too." If you don't think such prejudice still exists, listen to some of the parody songs by the "Capitol Steps" about the Southern accent of Margaret Tutwiler, the State Department spokeswoman from Birmingham. The persistence of condescending and patronizing attitudes toward Southern culture tends to reinforce distinctive regional patterns.

A.B. Moore, Herman Clarence Nixon, and Frank L. Owsley, three of George Petrie's brightest Auburn boys, all matriculated at the University of Chicago after taking A.B. and M.A. degrees at Auburn. But Chicago refused to recognize their degrees and required all three to repeat undergraduate courses

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before admitting them to graduate work. Owsley was so outraged that he seriously considered transferring to Columbia, where professors recognized "Auburn as a place which really belongs on the map." Both Nixon and Owsley, who were strapped for money, spent excessive years and money on their graduate programs. Nixon had to drop out in order to teach and took 12 years to obtain his Ph.D. As a result of their Chicago experiences, Nixon and Owsley determined to write U.S. and Alabama history texts for public schools from a Southern point of view. In a sense, their ethnocentrism grew from the discrimination which they experienced at Chicago.

That regional prejudices still exist in America and still spark angry reactions requires only a reading of a recent exchange of letters to the editor of the *Birmingham News*. A letter writer began the series by criticizing Yankee tourists in Florida for degrading Southern culture. They bought shell lamps, wore dark socks and wingtip shoes with short pants, and bathing caps in swimming, and they fished in the ocean with a cane pole, cork, and worm for bait. I thought it was pretty clever satire in a state which has a limited intellectual arsenal with which to defend itself. But a transplanted Yankee took deep exception. She wrote that Alabamians would never learn to speak proper English ("Y'all," which isn't even a real word, make me sick"), nor could they learn to drive right. What did she mean telling a generation that produced Bobby and Davey Allison, Neil Bonnett, Jimmy Means, Mickey Gibbs, and Hut Stricklin that we don't know how to drive? But her last paragraph was even worse: "Southerners, no matter how many centuries go by, will never grow up and get that blasted chip off of their shoulders. We Yankees do not need the likes of that writer to tell us how we should act at the beach. From my experiences, it is continually Southern 'hicks' who have the 'farmer's tan.' Why else would they be referred to as 'rednecks'?"

The newspaper gave the final word to a native daughter. She wrote that Alabamians don't drive "right," they drive "correctly." "Y'all" IS a word and certainly preferable to "youse goiys." Alabamians don't have a chip on their shoulders, but they don't like outsiders who move in and start criticizing them either. Furthermore, she rejoindered, Yankees lack a sense of humor and an appreciation for folk culture. Whenever have you visited a foreign country, she mused, and seen a sign that said "Alabamians Go Home"? They all say "Yankees Go Home!"

Like African-Americans, white Southerners have been forced so often to defend their culture that they are sometimes inclined to be defensive, even to flaunt their culture before the nation. Wear the cowboy boots to church, name your major resort area the "Redneck Riviera," turn up the radio when Tammy Wynette or Hank Williams, Jr., sings, watch wrestling on TV, glorify Good Ole Boys and Girls, name your son Billy Bob, your daughter Mary Lou, put a little pinch between your cheek and gum, and when you spit, aim at a Yankee.

### **Race**

Obviously the South has a way to go in race relations but apparently no further than other regions. Blacks constitute 19 percent of all Southerners, though only three percent of the South's elected officials. But that three percent compares to one-half of one percent of Northeastern elected officials who are black, and four-tenths of one percent in the North Central and Western states. Put another way, blacks are still under-represented in holding office in the South, but less under-represented than in other regions.

The ability of blacks to exercise influence and leadership clearly depends, aside from at least a few predominantly black cities, on the sufferance of whites. Doug Wilder could not have been elected governor of Virginia without considerable white support. But recent data are quite encouraging about changes in Southern white racial attitudes and practices. More white votes, as a percent of the total, were cast for Governor Douglas Wilder of Virginia and Congressman Mike Espy of Mississippi and John Lewis of Atlanta than were cast for Mayors David Dinkins of New York City or Wilson Goode of Philadelphia.

In 1942, public opinion polls revealed that 98 percent of white Southerners favored segregated public schools. Little change had occurred at the time of the historic Brown decision in 1954 (14 percent of Southern whites approved of integrated schools). But by 1970 only 16 percent of white Southern parents objected to having their children in integrated schools; by 1980 only five percent objected. And that five percent was identical to the percentage of white non-Southern parents who objected to school integration.

In 1992 a black family that moves to Georgia or Tennessee is more likely to have a child attend integrated schools than if the family remains in Michigan or New Jersey. According to a January article in *The New York Times*, the states where blacks are most segregated into mainly black schools are (in order of rank): Illinois, New York, Michigan, New Jersey, and California. Southern white parents are still



more resistant to the children attending predominantly black schools or to approve interracial dating and marriage, but the regional differences on these issues are slim and declining.

Obviously, Southern blacks still have economic problems, but in 1992, for the first time, the poverty rate for black families in the South was lower than for the North Central states. Perhaps this fact helps explain a 1988 University of Michigan survey which found blacks in the South more likely than those in other regions to say they were "satisfied with life" (one in five non-Southern blacks answered affirmatively compared to one in three Southern blacks).

Even Southern conservatives are more open-minded than they once were. A recent study of 41 fundamentalist ministers in North Carolina found that 35 favored the reelection of Senator Jesse Helms. Yet three quarters of the 41 considered their racial views as "liberal" or "moderate." Most supported racial equality as a "Christian goal" and only slightly less than half opposed affirmative action hiring. A number said they had come to admire Martin Luther King, Jr. and three even admitted to rewriting and preaching King's sermons to their own congregations (presumably without attribution).

### **Migration**

Migration has long been a major factor in Southern history, but until 1960 the impact consisted of outmigration of the South's youngest and best educated peoples. In 1950, for instance, seven million Americans born in the 16 states of the "census South" lived outside the region. A third of these were blacks. Even country music felt the impact of this great migration. Generations of homesick Southern migrants were "stuck up here with Dixie on my mind."

But as sociologist John Shelton Reed is about to announce in an important new book entitled *Surveying the South*, all that began to change about 1960. Since that date more whites have been coming than going. Beginning with the 1980s the same is true for blacks. Northern-born white migrants help explain the shift to a more Republican South because few of them feel any generational loyalty to the Democratic Party. In the 1988 presidential election, nearly 50 percent of those who voted in the South were born outside the region.

So significant has such migration become that a team of mostly Northern historians living in the South wrote a book published last year entitled *The South for New Southerners*, which has been called by one reviewer "a historical survival manual for Yankees gone South." The authors discuss poverty, racism, social injustice, ethnic and religious homogeneity, and Southerners' devotion to kin, community, and rootedness as if these all still exist and really matter.

As the aforementioned exchange of letters in the *Birmingham News* makes clear, tensions do exist between native Southerners and displaced Yankees. Sociologist John Reed quotes a UNC student who complained in the student newspaper that people on campus and in town were always coming up to him and saying how much they loved to hear him talk. He responded in his letter: "Let's get one thing straight. We are in the South. Therefore, I do not have the accent." He recoiled at "having to defend my region when I am still (living) in it."

Not long ago I encountered the same resentment in the form of a bumper sticker attached to a well seasoned American automobile in Gainesville, Florida. It proclaimed: "I don't give a damn how they do things in New York." Closer to home in Auburn, recently I saw a bumper sticker which combined ecological concerns with sectional pride: "Help beautify the South: Put a Yankee on the bus home."

Forget it. For better or for worse that is one battle already lost. They have come. They have liked it. And they have stayed.

Nearly 2.3 million people moved to the South between 1980 and 1987. Migrants who live in the



South for five years or longer tend to think of themselves as Southerners and to reinforce many traditional regional attitudes. To put it bluntly, we have less to fear from them than we thought, and in trying to conform to their stereotype of a true Southerner, they sometimes embarrass themselves by a too-thick accent, too-flashy boots, too-large Stetson hat, or too-racist or sexist jokes; although few of them apparently develop any real affection for grits or collard greens.

## Religion

**I**s there such a thing as the Southern church? I believe there is. So does religious historian Sam Hill. And so did Flannery O'Connor, who wrote in *The Habit of Being*: "The religion of the South is a do-it-yourself religion, something which I as a Catholic find painful and touching and grimly comic. It's full of unconscious pride that lands them in all sorts of ridiculous religious predicaments. They have nothing to correct their practical heresies and so they work them out dramatically. If this were merely comic to me, it would be no good, but I accept the same fundamental doctrines of sin and redemption and judgment that they do."

I started this discussion of religion with Flannery O'Connor because that way it is harder to dismiss. Otherwise, we are often left with our naive stereotypes of dogmatic fundamentalists who harshly judge homosexuals and produce a brittle and hierarchial society. For most Americans, "Redneck Religion" is a movement, in theologian William E. Hull's phrase, "of peckerwoods, ridgerunners, and woolhats willing to be whipped into a frenzy by pulpit demagogues, to stamp their feet in approval of simplistic slogans that clarify nothing, to pass resolutions that would compel the clock to stand still while their enemies simply vanish into thin air and leave behind a world for them to remake to their hearts' desire."

It is one of the intellectual scandals of our time that the academy spends enormous talent and energy

trying to understand why poor people riot, loot, and burn Los Angeles and virtually no effort trying to understand why so many poor and working class Americans find solace in fundamentalist and pentecostal religion. As for otherworldliness, most Southern Baptists and Pentecostals are about as politically otherworldly as the National Organization for Women.

How has Southern religion changed, and will it endure? Southern religion has changed. With Sun Belt prosperity and migration has come religious diversity. In 1945 nine percent of American Catholics lived in the South. In 1990 18 percent lived in Dixie. Almost 800,000 Jews live in 10 Southern states, led by Florida where they constitute nearly five percent of the population.

This meshing and merging has created some very strange phenomena indeed. When I was a Southern Baptist teenager striving to defeat John Kennedy and keep the Pope and his minions from the White House, I never envisioned a time such as April 1992, when the Roman Catholic Church and the Christian Life Commission of the Southern Baptist Convention would file a joint appeal to the Supreme Court

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requesting the overturn of *Roe v. Wade*. Nor did I envision a Congress where the most solid support for compulsory prayers in schools or federal funds for private schools would come from congressmen who were Southern Baptist and Roman Catholic. But remember that the tradition of evangelicals and Fundamentalists entering politics on behalf of righteousness is no new tradition in the South. Remember the Biblical defense of slavery, states' rights, secession, and segregation; or if you think Southern Baptists, Disciples of Christ, and Methodists were politically disengaged, study a turn-of-the-century prohibition campaign.

Of course, behind all Southern culture stands the Bible. Even Southerners who could not read and write could often quote monstrous portions of it. And no Southerner—Ph.D. or uneducated truck driver or hairdresser—would make the mistake that urbane *New York Times* sports columnist Ira Berkov made in a column. Berkov analyzed the typical crowd at a football game like this: "Sometimes these fans...also bring signs, or banners, often written on bedsheets, and a few of these even have Biblical chapter and verse, like Job 3:16—the intention of which, it seems, is to give the stamp of celestial approval to football." When I read that line in the *Times*, I pushed back from the desk in smug contemplation of otherwise literate New Yorkers searching their Old Testaments in vain to discover the secret celestial applications contained in Job 3:16: "Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been; as infants which never saw light."

Ira Berkov is not the first uninformed Northerner puzzled by Southern religion. "Bubba" Yates, who would have graduated from the University of Alabama in the class of 1945 had he not been killed on Okinawa, encountered the same incomprehension. Yates' Marine unit, nicknamed the Raggedy Asses, was a distinguished one, full of Phi Beta Kappas and other unsuitably bookish Marines from excellent northern colleges. The most distinguished member was William Manchester, later a noted historian-biographer, who would immortalize the unit in his best-selling autobiography *Goodbye Darkness*.

One evening Wally, the most cerebral of the Raggedy Asses, waxed eloquent on the nature of time. He covered a variety of topics, from the value of chronometers and rational time for geodetic surveys, to Parmenides' argument that time is an illusion. His discourse ranged across the works of Alfred North Whitehead, Henri Bergson, William James, Albert Einstein, Oswald Spengler, and the major Hebrew prophets. At length, Bubba interrupted to offer his own perspective: "Unless a grain of wheat falls to

the earth and dies, it remains alone; but, if it dies, it bears much fruit.' John 12:24." In the hush that followed, Bubba elaborated with an exegesis borrowed indiscriminately from Robert Ingersoll, Dale Carnegie, and Emanuel Haldeman-Julius.

This was simply too much for the sophisticated "Knocko" who gently chided: "Bubba, this is too deep for Dixie. The day they introduce the entrenching tool in Alabama, it'll spark an industrial revolution." Years later Manchester regretted that he had not said something to soften "Knocko's" insult, for Bubba Yates was a fighter; when they found him mortally wounded on Okinawa, there were six Japanese bodies clustered around his Browning Automatic Rifle. But so anxious had Manchester been to hear Wally's conclusions about time that he had let the moment pass.

Perhaps I read Manchester's passage full of my own prejudices, but the twelfth chapter of the gospel of St. John seems as relevant to the circumstances of combat and death as Whitehead or Einstein. Moreover, Manchester never doubted the effect of religious belief on the way Bubba Yates lived; he

was a courageous, kind soldier, a credit to his country and to its best values.

That Yates' religious vocabulary is still alive and well needs no further research than on this campus. During Auburn's Spring 1984 student government elections, the victor by a small margin was quoted in *The Plainsman* as shouting "Praise God! Thanks to God! I would like to thank Jesus Christ above all, by far. Next I thank the Sigma Pi fraternity. They have really been incredible."

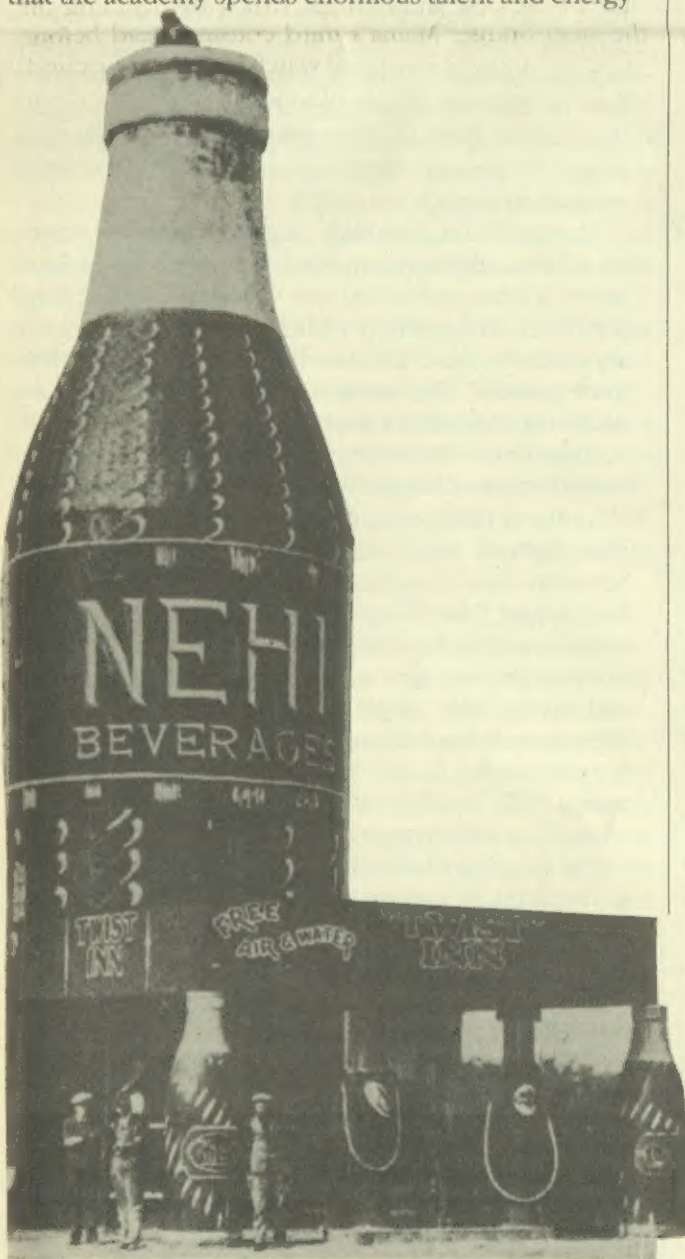
Such language is not contrived or hypocritical nor do many Southerners—even young Yuppie ones at Auburn—feel particularly self-conscious using it. Can you imagine such a reaction from a new SGA president at Michigan, Berkeley, or Harvard? Nowhere else is one more likely to be witnessed to or have a tract thrust into one's hand than in the South.

## Folkways

**T**his topic covers a multitude of items concerning what it means to be Southern. Birmingham novelist Fannie Flagg explained to a hometown audience at the end of April that since the enormous popularity of *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*, she is often asked to explain the difference between Northerners and Southerners. "Manners," she says. Southerners like to hear that and to some degree it may be true. Even if Southern manners are more style than substance, style is important.

For instance, I can easily imagine quite a number of Southern women I know in front of a blockaded Montgomery abortion clinic. I can imagine them on both sides of the barricades. But I cannot for the life of me imagine a scene such as the one I watched on CNN in Buffalo, New York, where a crowd of very unSouthern-looking women chanted in considerable anger: "Keep your rosaries off my ovaries!" Not only would the theology not fit the South, neither would the breach of good taste. But as I indicated, we can make too much of manners. Our sense of social graces is balanced both by the South's hot temper and its quick resort to violence. As my friend John Reed puts it, a Southerner will smile at you right up to the time he pulls the trigger and shoots you.

Our manners are often superficial. Ask black students who stood on College Street during the Kappa Alpha parade. Or, for that matter, ask white students on the other side of the street. Yet, one of the most persistent comments one hears from non-Southern professors teaching at Auburn is their





students' respect for authority and inclination to say "Yes, ma'am" and "No, sir."

Of course, manners are not the only, nor even the most important, element of Southern folkways. I can sacrifice manners easier than I can give up cornbread, turnip greens, grits, and barbecue. That our foodways still survive, more among blacks than whites, is well documented.

Southern cuisine developed from a combination of poverty and preference. Even a gourmet version of Southern recipes, the 1949 edition of *The Purifoy Hotel Cookbook*, from a legendary eatery in Talladega, makes clear that one source of Southern cooking, like most things Southern, was impoverished necessity. Under "Culinary Secrets" the author shared the following advice: "Save leftover bread, cut in strips, toast and butter and serve with soups." "Save any excess of canned grapefruit juice for use in French dressing. Substitute it in part for vinegar or lemon juice used." "A few bread crumbs added to scrambled eggs improves flavor and makes an extra serving. A pinch of baking powder added to scrambled eggs has the same effect."

What with the harmful effects of fried foods and the nation's health food craze, traditional Southern cooking may be an endangered species. The 1992 "Southern Poll" demonstrated that there is already slippage away from grits and collard greens, though Southerners do retain appropriate devotion to sweet iced tea. Buttermilk, however, may be a lost cause.

In many other ways, traditional Southern folkways diverge from mainstream American culture. The Puritan work ethic never dominated the South, where leisure for hunting, fishing, and just sitting around talking were highly prized. A 1959 Gallup Poll discovered that 53 percent of Southerners interviewed went hunting compared to only 33 percent of non-Southerners. Though the regional margin has narrowed since then, Southerners are still more inclined to hunt and fish, more likely to reserve time for family and fun, without associated guilt feelings, than non-Southerners.

## Politics

**T**he evidence here seems to support overwhelmingly Hodding Carter's argument for the end of Southern distinctiveness. In the losing five Democratic campaigns between 1968 and 1988, the Democratic presidential nominee carried a grand total of only two Southern states (Texas in 1968 and Georgia in 1980). Now that Alabama and Mississippi have finally elected Republican governors, the age of the solid Democratic South seems a distant memory.

But I think Carter's conclusion badly misses the mark. In the 1860s and 1870s Radical Republican Reconstruction policies created the Solid Democratic South by imposing on small white farmers high taxes that paid for social infrastructures (education, public health, prison, etc.) which they neither wanted nor believed they needed. They supported Democrats as the party of stability, tradition, order, low taxes, states rights, family values, white supremacy, and limited government. A hundred years later white Southerners deserted the party en masse for precisely the same reasons. Their political conservatism had not changed, but their perceptions of what the two parties stood for had. At the local level they feel quite comfortable with Democrats close to their own conservative values; but at the national level Southerners tend to pull both political parties to the right, an historic role for Southern politics.

## Literature

**A** look at W.J. Stuckey's book, *The Pulitzer Prize Novels*, reveals that 16 Southern authors won Pulitzers for best novel between 1917 and 1977. During the years between 1933 and 1977 the committee awarded 36 Pulitzer prizes, 14 of which were won (39 percent)

by Southerners. William Faulkner won the Nobel Prize for literature in 1949. Other writers such as Tuskegee-educated Ralph Ellison and Birmingham-born Walker Percy won National Book Awards for the *The Invisible Man* and *The Moviegoer*.

Nor is there any sign of decline. Since 1977 many Southern writers have won Pulitzers and National Book Awards, among them Alice Walker for *The Color Purple* and Peter Taylor for *A Summons to Memphis*. In 1985 Ellen Gilchrist won the American Book Award for her short story collection *Victory Over Japan*. That same year the Ernest Hemingway Foundation first-novel prize went to Charleston, S.C., novelist Josephine Humphrey. Regional publishing houses such as Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill and Peachtree Press of Atlanta prove that enough Southerners do read fiction to support serious independent presses in the South, an institution that seems to be an endangered species in New York.

Of course, the popularity of Southern writers does not resolve the issue of whether a genre of southern literature remains. William Styron, speaking at Auburn in the early 1980s, insisted that *Sophie's Choice* was not a Southern novel. And Walker Percy wrote in 1970 that "The day of regional Southern writing is all gone. I think that people who try to write in that style are usually repeating a phased-out genre—or doing Faulkner badly."

But in September 1985 *Newsweek* began a feature article about an amazing third renaissance of Southern novelists by quoting those two sentences by Percy. And five years later when *Newsweek* published a lengthy and laudatory obituary about Percy, the magazine ended the feature by quoting literary critic Fred Hobson: "If Southern writers of the 1940s, 1950s, and even the 1960s wrote under the shadow of Faulkner, many of the best Southern writers of today write with Percy in their minds and veins." In a nice touch of irony (for which the region's literature is justly famous) the man who in 1970 had declared regionally distinctive literature to be at an end had by 1990 become the model for a new generation of regionally distinctive writers.

Poet Andrew Hudgins pronounced the *King James Bible* as the most important work of Southern literature: "Every Southern writer knows it and has been influenced by it and almost all Southern writing can be read as commentary, positive or negative, on it...The biblical sense of each human life being an ongoing dialogue with God is a bone-deep reality in Southern life and Southern writing."

Contemporary Atlanta novelist Elizabeth Dewberry Vaughn does not write about place, but the religious fundamentalism of her childhood provides her with a religious emphasis which is distinctly Southern. Birmingham novelist Vicki Covington combines family and religion. A good novel, she argues, "begins with a family in the nucleus and moves in the illusion of expanding concentric circles when in actuality you are being incessantly drawn back to the sweet and tragic core." In a speech last month, Covington added: "If there is an agenda in my work it is grace; is religion broad enough to encompass everyone?"

Kentucky writer Leon V. Driskell writes:

"Growing up in the South, even without specific religious affiliation, I could not avoid the Bible. Every week the Bible Lady came to my public school, and we earned small rewards for memorizing Bible verses...Flannery O'Connor would say some years later that readers would not understand her fiction until they knew the Bible. For all the urbanization and secularizing that has occurred in the Deep South since my boyhood, I continue to feel that the Bible, and the facts of Southern history, haunt those of us who write from a Southern consciousness."

African-American novelist Tina Ansa was raised and remains a Catholic. She added in a recent speech:



"I think we all write about grace. Theology is a central part of my writing."

So is family. Earlier African-American literature, Ansa believes, was filled with fear and anger. She considers herself part of a new generation that is recovering stories of her parents and grandparents: "cooking fried chicken, raising babies, making love. I write about a Southern family." (Interestingly, she did not say an "African-American" family.)

And of course, there is the resonant language. Georgia novelist Mary Hood, a recipient of the Flannery O'Connor Award for Short Fiction, put the matter like this in a recent *Harper's Magazine* essay ("A Stubborn Sense of Place"):

"Suppose a man is walking across a field. To the question 'Who is that?' a Southerner would reply by saying something like, 'Wasn't his granddaddy the one whose dog and him got struck by lightning on the steel bridge? Mama's third cousin—dead before my time—found his railroad watch in that eight-pound catfish's stomach the next summer just above the dam. I think it was eight pounds. Big as Eunice's arm. The way he married for that new blue Cadillac automobile, reckon how come he's walking like he has on Sunday shoes, if that's who it is, and for sure it is.' A Northerner would reply to the same question (only if directly asked, though, never volunteering), 'That's Joe Smith.' To which the Southerner might think (but be much too polite to say aloud), 'they didn't ask his name, they asked who he IS!'"

Whether distinctly Southern writing will endure depends entirely on whether its message continues to resonate in the human spirit. My hunch is that the message never rang clearer or with more urgency than right now. What better way to conclude this essay then, than with the lines of the final poem in Robert Penn Warren's *Audubon: A Vision*. It not only informs Southern literature; it also provides a vision for me of how to write Southern history:

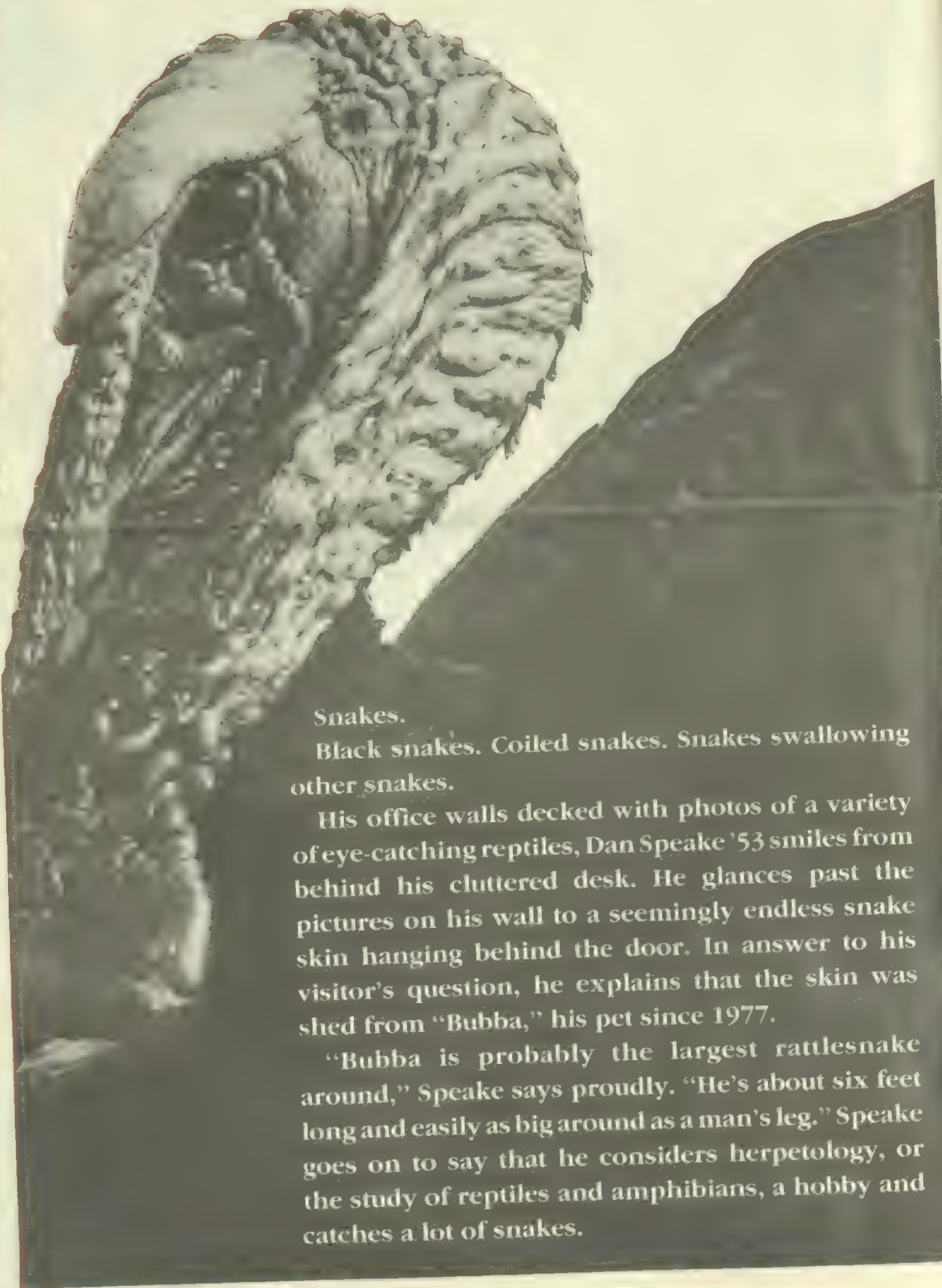
"Tell me a story.  
In this century, and moment, of mania,  
Tell me a story.  
Make it a story of great distances, and  
starlight.  
The name of the story will be Time,  
But you must not pronounce its name.  
Tell me a story of deep delight."

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# TALKIN' TURKEY

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Snakes.

Black snakes. Coiled snakes. Snakes swallowing other snakes.

His office walls decked with photos of a variety of eye-catching reptiles, Dan Speake '53 smiles from behind his cluttered desk. He glances past the pictures on his wall to a seemingly endless snake skin hanging behind the door. In answer to his visitor's question, he explains that the skin was shed from "Bubba," his pet since 1977.

"Bubba is probably the largest rattlesnake around," Speake says proudly. "He's about six feet long and easily as big around as a man's leg." Speake goes on to say that he considers herpetology, or the study of reptiles and amphibians, a hobby and catches a lot of snakes.



The National Wild Turkey Federation, which chose Speake as last year's recipient of its Mosby Award, recognize that he knows quite a bit about turkeys as well. The award, given to only a handful of researchers, reflects Speake's decades of wildlife study and his inherent love of the outdoors.

This love of the out-of-doors, as Speake puts it, dates back to his childhood. Yet, he began college at Sewanee as a pre-law major because of pressure from his family. "A lot of my relatives were either lawyers or judges—that was the tradition I was expected to continue," he explains. "Besides, I didn't know anyone could make a career in wildlife management."

After about a year at Sewanee, Speake transferred to Auburn, where he eventually earned a B.S. in game management, a master's in wildlife management, and a Ph.D. in botany and microbiology. After receiving his bachelor's degree, he became assistant leader of Auburn's Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, which works in conjunction with the Department of Conservation.

It was in that role that Speake, at the urging of the Department of Conservation, began researching the wild turkey. At the time, the turkey population in Alabama was very sparse in some areas, so efforts were needed to help increase the birds' numbers.

Since then, Speake has learned a great deal about the wiley turkey. He describes the ideal habitat for the birds in Alabama as hardwood forest with lots of broken areas for grazing. "Turkeys eat the mash produced from dogwood berries, beechnuts, and acorns," he explains. "The forest also provides shelter from the sun and security since turkeys are pretty shy."

Speake collects research data through what he calls "detective work," as well as observation. "I'm out there with a magnifying glass, like Sherlock Holmes, looking for feathers, tracks, and hairs around nests to try and figure out what has happened—especially concerning cases of predation," he says. "Sometimes predators leave a sign—a hair, feather, or carcass—and we get the goods on them. Those discoveries are the exciting part of my research."

Besides using his trusty magnifying glass and powers of deduction, Speake also employs high-tech equipment. Tiny radio transmitters, which give off a signal that can be traced from half a mile away, are placed on the turkeys to track their movements. The transmitters, attached to hens during the winter months, lead the researchers to nests. When the young turkeys, called poults, hatch, they are also fitted—as early as one day later—with even smaller transmitters weighing two grams or less.

"The transmitter harness for the poults is made of a rubber tubing that stretches," Speake explains, pointing to a picture on his office wall of a young turkey being fitted with one. "As the turkey grows, the harness stretches. It may stay on up to a month. The harness



**TURKEY TRACKER**—Dan Speake '53 is Auburn's resident turkey expert and one of Alabama and the nation's top authorities on the wiley, highly popular gamebirds.

deteriorates in the sun and eventually pops off without harming the turkey." The newest advance in tracking technology is the introduction of solar-powered transmitters, Speake adds. They recharge through exposure to the sun and can last up to three years.

Even advanced equipment doesn't guarantee Speake will find what he expects, however. He recalls one incident in which a research student tracked and suddenly lost three young turkeys. Although he could pick up their signals, there was no sign of them. The student wandered around a pond the brood had frequented about a week before and saw an enormous alligator floating in it. The alligator had eaten the poults and their transmitters were still sending signals.

Such findings increase Speake's knowledge about the number of hens and poults killed by predators. "We have found that the highest rate of predation occurs during nesting," he says. "Close to one quarter of the hens die during this time and three quarters of the poults don't make it through the critical two weeks after they hatch."

He notes that the transmitters have also helped identify the variety of the turkeys' predators. "We may get a signal from a chicken snake or rat snake which has eaten a poult or from screech owls and hawks that take their prey back to their nests," he says. "We've even found evidence that coyotes have gotten to a brood." In addition, he says, the birds' main predators—raccoons, grey foxes, and possums—are on the increase.

Using transmitters originally miniaturized for the poults, Speake has also successfully tracked indigo snakes, which are on the Federal Threatened Species List. He found that they use burrows created by the gopher tortoise. "We use a device developed by Westinghouse for the inspection of nuclear reactors to look inside the tortoise burrows," he says. "By modifying the

camera and sticking it down into the burrow, we can monitor what's going on 30 feet underground."

Speake is conscious of not only activities down below, but also weather conditions above ground. His research is seasonal, meaning which animal he studies depends on when each species is most active. "Now is a busy time for turkeys and quail," he says. "It's nesting season and we're able to get a lot of data, so I'm out in the woods every other week. In the fall the turkey population diminishes, and by winter there are too few to keep track of. So in the winter, I'm out looking for indigo snakes in the tortoise burrows. Late summer is when I try to catch up on my writing," he laughs, "I like to do my paperwork in an air-conditioned office."

That paperwork has resulted in the numerous certificates and awards covering his office walls, at least three of which are for his turkey research. His newest certificate is the Wildlife Society Award given by the National North American Wildlife Conference for leadership in wild turkey research.

Although his awards indicate that he distinguishes himself as a researcher, Speake credits the success of his turkey research more with timing than anything else. He explains that when he began his studies, radio transmitters had just become available. "They were small enough to attach on the birds and lasted long enough to be effective," he says. "We were able to collect data that had not been previously available. Shortly after we began attaching the radios, a student also came up with a more effective tranquilizer to capture the birds easily," he adds.

In addition to the help provided by research, Speake credits the turkey's successful comeback in Alabama to good management and hunting laws. "Alabama is in an enviable position compared to other parts of the country.

We have some of the best turkey hunting around for a couple of reasons," he says. "First, the state has put aside enough of the right kind of land as sanctuaries to protect and manage turkeys. Second, it has established sensible hunting regulations."

Speake's praise of the state's turkey management comes from both his role as a researcher and an accomplished hunter. He admits that even after years of studying turkey behavior, he thinks hunting the birds is very difficult because although the turkey may not be extremely smart, its reflexes are very quick and sharp. "You can't just decide you want a turkey and go out and shoot one," he says. "Good hunters owe a lot of their success to luck."

"In the contest between hunter and turkey, the turkey usually wins and makes a fool out of the hunter," he adds with a smile that indicates he has lost many such contests in the past.

Nevertheless, as Auburn's resident turkey expert, he receives calls from people, often hunters, concerned over what they see as a decline in the number of turkeys. Speake does what he can to calm their fears. "We've still got numerous turkeys in the places I've hunted and marvelous hunting practically everywhere in Alabama," he says.

Speake also offers tips to discouraged hunters after assuring them that turkeys are indeed out there. First, he suggests they learn the hunting territory ahead of time, preferably before hunting season, to try to find out where the turkeys are. "The most important things are knowing the terrain and scouting to see where the turkeys are," he says. Two, he advises they get up early—before daylight. "The later you are, the less chance you have of getting turkeys." Three, he tells them to learn how to call. Finally, as with hunting any animal, he emphasizes the importance of having experience in the woods.

Speake tells people to take extra precautions if they are going to be outdoors because he knows that spending so much time in the woods can be dangerous. "Right now, my biggest concern is Lyme disease. Whenever I see a tick, I'm afraid I'm going to get sick," he says. "I tell students doing research to be on the look out. I also give them snake leggings and boots and tell them to be careful of rattlesnakes. If you're going out in the woods, especially this time of year, you never know what's liable to surprise you."

What's not surprising is that Speake considers research to be more recreation than work. He jokes that his wife thinks it's unfair he gets paid for gallivanting around the woods since he would probably be out there even if it wasn't his job.

"You're a lot safer in the woods, at least I am, than in the city—unless you act like an idiot and don't watch where you stick your hands or put your feet," he says. "There are very few things in the woods that are going to get you. Once you realize that, being out there is just peaceful and quiet." AA



# Alumnalities

**'29-'59** **Arthur Sanders** '29 is retired from the government and a trade association and lives with his wife, Sarah, in Bethesda, Md.

**Walter J. Meadors** '39 and his wife, Evelyn, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 12. They live in West Point, Ga.

**Harvey L. Rubin** '39, DVM, was recently one of eight finalists for the "You're Still Ticking Award," given by the Florida Departments of Elder Affairs and Labor and Employment Security. He is chief of the Bureau of Diagnostic Laboratories in the Division of Animal Industry in Kissimmee, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Emily.

**George D. Whitney** '43, DVM, has an appointment at Yale's Peabody Museum of Natural History in vertebrate zoology. He practices in Orange, Conn., where he lives with his wife.

**J. Grady Cox** '48, a retired industrial engineering professor, was recently selected as an outstanding faculty member in the College of Engineering by Auburn's Student Government Association. He and his wife, **Jean Ransom** '78, live in Auburn.

**John G. Hudson** '48 recently retired as president of Avondale Mills. He and his wife, **Peggy Fichtner** '50, live in Shoal Creek. They have three children.

**Leland Long** '48 and his wife, **Veda Avery** '41, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 26, 1991. They live in Lakeland, Fla., and have two children.

**William E. Blankenstein** '49 retired from DuPont in 1982. He lives in Wilmington, Del., where he is working on a degree in plant science.

**Wendell H. Taylor, Sr.** '49 is a dentist in Birmingham, where he lives with his wife.

**William A. Fredlund** '50 is a retired engineering professor. He and his wife, Marjory, live in Herkimer, N.Y.

**Boyd Christenberry** '50 is executive vice president of Alfa Insurance Co. He lives in Montgomery with his wife, Sara.

**Ralph Harris** '51, a professor in Animal and Dairy Science, was selected recently by the Auburn Student Government Association as an outstanding faculty member in the College of Agriculture. He and his wife, **Eleanor Armbruster** '67, live in Auburn.

**James L. Addison** '52 recently retired from the Georgia division of Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co. after 22 years in design engineering. He lives in Marietta, Ga., with his wife, **June Wheeler** '54.

**Ned Ellis** '53 was recently elected president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. He owns Circle E Farms and Priester Pecan Co. and lives with his wife, **May Green** '55, in Fort Deposit.

**Bill Stephenson** '54 was recently named Hospital Pharmacist of the Year by the Southeastern Society of Hospital Pharmacists. He is the director of Pharmacy Services at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center. He and his wife, Sue, live in Oxford.

**James R. Evans** '55 is a jet engine analyst with United Technologies. He lives with his wife in Glastonbury, Conn.

**Barbara Wilson Hassell** '57 was recently promoted to Tupperware executive manager by Bama's Best Party Sales. She was recognized as the top new unit manager in sales for south-central Alabama.

**Clyde Evans** '57 retired as professor emeritus on April 1. He was director of Soil Testing Services and taught in the Department of Agronomy and Soils at Auburn. He lives in Auburn with his wife, **Martha McPherson** '70.

**Fran Smith Martin** '58 has been named to the board of the League of Women Voters. She works for the Administrative Computing Department at Auburn. She and her husband, **Paul Martin** '78, live in Auburn.

**Leland (Buddy) Wood** '58 was appointed as marketing manager of Navy torpedo programs for Alliant Techsystems in Washing-



**FOUR GENERATIONS AND COUNTING**—At Auburn's spring commencement, Morris Denson Smith earned a bachelor's in operations management and joined a line of AU alumni from his family. Left to right are: his sister Stella Smith Rooker '90, the new graduate, father Bobby Denson Smith '61, mother Janet Morris Smith '62, and uncle Drewry Hampton Morris, IV, a foreign language associate professor at Auburn. The family also boasts two other AU graduates, the late D.H. Morris, III '34, the graduate's grandfather, and the late D.H. Morris, Jr. '06, his great-grandfather.

ton, D.C., last fall. He lives with his wife, Barbara, in Arlington, Va.

**James V. Burleson** '59 was recently appointed vice president of the Florida operations for IMC Fertilizer. He lives with his wife, **Mary McKissac** '59, in Valrico, Fla.

**Bill A. Puryear** '59 is the European manager for a Japanese company and has been living in Tokyo, Japan, for three years.

**'60-'64** **Olivia Kindig Wells** '60 has been promoted to senior editor in the editorial services department at Oxmoor House in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, Jack.

**J. David Irwin** '61, head of Auburn's Department of Electrical Engineering, has received the Eugene Mittelman Achievement Award for Outstanding Technical Achievements. He has been a member of the AU faculty since 1969 and has written more than 50 publications. He and his wife, **Patricia Watson** '61, live in Auburn.

**E. Kyle Kyser** '61 won the Henderson Golf Tournament recently at Arrowhead Golf Course in Montgomery, where he lives with his wife, **Judy Clark** '64.

**Fred Renneker, III** '61 has been promoted to senior vice president at Hilb, Rogal & Hamilton Co. in Birmingham.

**Eely E. Jackson** '61 works for General Motors in Doraville, Ga. He and his wife, **Frances Annette Williams** '63, live in Atlanta and have two children, **Mike Eely Jackson** '89, and Lisa. Annette works for the state of Georgia.

**Harold George Conradi** '61 is president of Willmar Community College in Minnesota, where he lives with his wife, Carol. They have two children.

Lt. Col. **Edward L. Winton** '62 has retired as chief of the Information Management Office with the Army Corps of Engineers in Mobile.

**Richard Guthrie** '62, a soil science professor, has recently been appointed director of the Office of International Programs at Auburn, where he lives with his wife, **Kay Couvrette** '64.

**Maynard Hamrick** '63, a pharmaceutical science professor, has been named an outstanding faculty member from the Auburn School of Pharmacy by the SGA.

**Harry R. Wilkinson** '64 is a managing director and regional manager for Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company. He is the senior officer in charge of the Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan and China districts.

**Arnold Ellison** '64 owns Community Service Management in Hilton Head, S.C. He and his wife, **Gene Hargett** '65, have two sons, Rob and Greg.

**Walt Kelley** '64 has been elected an outstanding faculty member from the School of Forestry by Auburn's Student Government Association.

**Walter T. McKee, Jr.** '64 owns McKee and Associates Architecture and Interior Design in Montgomery.

**Juergen Haukohl** '64 is a senior project manager for Barge, Waggoner, Sumner and Cannon in Huntsville. He was the 1989 Engineer of the Year in Construction selected by the Alabama Society of Professional Engineers.

**'65-'69** **Marshall B. Dean** '65 is assistant vice president and regional claims manager with United States Aviation Underwriters. He lives in Roswell, Ga., and has three daughters: Tammy, Patsy, and Penny.

**Roger Walker** '66 has retired from the Air Force and is working on a juris doctorate at California Southern Law School. He and his wife, Nancy, live in Riverside, Calif. They have two daughters, Caroline and Suzanne.

**Roy H. Norris** '67 is corporate vice president of marketing and U.S. sales at the Gulfstream Aerospace Corp. in Savannah, Ga., where he lives with his wife, **Mary Strong** '67.

**Phil Hardee** '67 has been named second vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. He lives in Beatrice.

**George Hairston** '67 of Birmingham has been elected executive vice president of the Southern Nuclear Operating Company.

**Kent F. Smith** '67 is a civilian aerospace engineer with the Army working in helicopter research. He lives in Gloucester County, Va., with his wife, **Carolyn Spears** '70, who teaches high school biology. They have two daughters, Heather, 13, and Megan, 7.

**L. Phillip Humann** '67, president and director of SunTrust Banks, has recently been

elected to the Equifax Board of Directors. He and his wife, Jane, live in Atlanta and have three children.

**Wyc Orr** '68, an attorney and state legislator from Gainesville, Ga., was running for the Democratic nomination in Georgia's 9th Congressional District at press time, with the primary scheduled for July 21. He and his wife, Lyn, have two children, Kris, 22, and Cliff, 14.

**Lucinda (Cindy) Samford Cannon** '69 of Opelika is a broker for First Realty in the area of commercial sales. She is also president-elect of the Opelika Chamber of Commerce.

**Michael Benson** '69, partner in the firm of Davis, Cox and Benson, has been elected president of the Lee County Bar Association. He lives in Auburn.

**Bobby Robertson** '69 is a chemistry instructor at Brewer State Junior College in Fayette. He has recently been awarded a NASA Summer Faculty Fellowship.

**'70-'75** **William M. Dollar** '70 was recently named vice president of the John H. Harland Co. He and his wife, Theresa, live in Snellville, Ga.

**James C. Lee, III**, '70 was recently elected president of the Alabama Soft Drink Association. He is CEO of Buffalo Rock Co. of Birmingham, where he lives with his wife, Judy.

**John Floyd** '70 was recently named vice president of *Southern Living* magazine. He lives in Trussville with his wife, Pam. They have two children.

**Arthur R. Rosen** '70 is a judge and president of Enduro Aviation in Scottsdale, Ariz. In February he was elected president of the Arizona Soaring Association. He and his wife, Billie, have three children.

**Bryan L. Fowler** '70 is construction manager with Turley Equipment Co. He and his wife, **Jeannie Robertson** '71, live in Birmingham with their daughters, Laurie, 17, and Kristen, 13.

**Gloria Derrick Rawlings** '70 recently chaired the Montgomery Art Alliance's Heirloom Discovery Day at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts. She and her husband, **Phillip Rawlings** '70, live in Montgomery.

Cmdr. **Michael D. Moran** '71 is stationed with the commander in chief of the U.S. Naval Forces in Europe. He and his wife, **Diane Collins** '80, live in London with their daughters, Katie, 5, and Kelsey, 1.

**M. Terry Frederick** '71 was recently promoted to program development officer for the International Fertilizer Development Center. He lives in Florence with his wife, Janice, and their daughters, Erica and Alison.

Lt. Col. **Bernard J. Fitzsimons** '72, DVM, has been appointed staff veterinarian at the Navy Exchange Service Command in Staten Island, N.Y. He lives with his wife, Barbara, in Fort Dix, N.J.

**Virginia Perkins Chandler** '72 is compensation and benefits manager at the Catholic Medical Center in Manchester, N.H.

**Don Hacker** '72 recently opened an Auburn franchise of Cheeburger Cheeburger. He lives with his wife, **Candy Hamilton** '73, in Vestavia Hills, where she teaches English at Vestavia Hills High.

**Bill Black** '73 was recently named vice president and branch manager for Colonial Bank's Pelham office. He lives in Birmingham.

**Richard D. Hill, Jr.** '73 was recently named general manager of Farley Nuclear Plant. He lives with his wife, Charlotte, in Dothan.

**Glenn Rainey** '73 has been appointed to the 1992 Board of Examiners of the North Carolina Quality Leadership Award. He owns Management Control Systems in Asheboro, N.C., where he lives with his wife.



**Art Marxer** '73 has been named vice president of operations at Deaton Truck Lines. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, Rise, and their children, Alison, 16, and Jordan, 10.

**Jan Vaughan Hargis** '74 is a board member of the League of Women Voters in Auburn, where she lives with her husband, James.

**Tim Coe** '74 was recently elected third vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. He lives in Wedowee.

**Carol Fields Daron** '74 was recently elected first vice president of the board of the League of Women Voters. She is an assistant professor of English at Auburn. She and her husband, Harlow, live in Auburn.

History Professor **Robin Fabel** '74 was selected recently as an outstanding graduate school faculty member by Auburn's Student Government Association. He lives with his wife in Auburn.

Navy Cmdr. **Brandon Sneed** '74 recently received the Meritorious Service Medal for superior logistics performance during Operation Desert Storm. He and his wife, **Grace Bird** '74, live in Norfolk, Va., where he is assigned to the Naval Safety Center.

**Carol Hanlin Cater** '74 recently was named the Birmingham City Schools Teacher of the Year in the high school division. She teaches the trainable mentally retarded at Huffman High. She and her husband, **Edwin Ray Cater** '74, live in Hoover and have two children.

Lt. Col. **John Lawrence Strube** '74 is commander of the 4th Airlift Squadron at McChord AFB, Wash. He lives in Puyallup, Wash., with his wife, Patty. They have three children.

**David T. Roberts** '74 was recently named head of the industrial marketing office of Alabama Electric Cooperative in Montgomery.

**Robert Warner** '74 was recently named vice president of government policy and programs in the Experimental Aircraft Association. He lives in Oshkosh, Wis., with his wife.

**Melanie Whatley Barstad** '75 works in medical marketing with Ethicon, Inc., in Cincinnati, where she lives with her husband, Paul.

**William R. (Bill) Justice** '75 is in-house counsel for First National Bank in Columbiana,

where he lives with his wife, Beverly, and their children, William, Jr., 3, and Andrew, 1.

**Maria Man Sloan** '75 is a nutrition consultant for the Sacramento County (Calif.) Health Dept. She and her husband have four daughters.

**Dana Dow** '75 is a personnel manager at Boaz-Albertville Medical Center. At age 65 he has taken on a new hobby—hang gliding. He lives in Boaz with his wife, Angela.

**Phillip J. Mixon** '75 was recently promoted to lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He is stationed at Holloman AFB, N.M., where he lives with his wife, Mary Beth, and their daughters, Sarah and Mary.

**'76-'79 Lucy Lawrence Taylor** '76 lives in Jackson, Tenn., with her husband, James.

**Connie Gunter Sellers** '76 is executive secretary for the vice president of operations at Ampex in Opelika. Her husband, **Larry Sellers** '80, works with the AU Engineering Extension Service. They live in Auburn with their children, Christy, 14, and Cory, 10.

**Edgar Nobles** '77 is a CPA with Nobles, Decker, Lenken and Carbo in Tampa, Fla., where he lives with his wife, Dawn, and their son, Matthew, 1.

**Phillip Gentry** '77 works in the history department of the University of Alabama at Huntsville. He was president of the 1992 Alabama Jubilee Hot-Air Balloon Classic in Decatur. His wife, **Lynn Hensel** '77, teaches with Huntsville City Schools. They live in Decatur with their children, Drew and Lauren.

**R. Danley Creamer, Jr.** '77 has recently been named vice president of estimating and purchasing for Blount, Inc., in Montgomery.

**Jeffrey B. Kirby** '78 recently joined the Birmingham-based South Haven Corp. as vice president in charge of quality assurance and operations. He and his wife, Susan, live in Moody.

Maj. **Randall W. Brown** '78 is deputy for the geotechnical engineering department of civil engineering at the Air Force Academy in Colorado. He and his wife, Brenda, have two children, Matthew, 8, and Joshua, 3.

**Clare Dickey Haynes** '78 is personnel manager for the Personnel Board of Jefferson

County in Birmingham, where she lives with her husband, Frank.

**Jeanette Wilson Mizerany** '78 teaches algebra at Erwin High in Birmingham. Her husband, **Michael Mizerany** '78, works for Rust International Corp. They have three sons: Pat, 10; Brad, 7; and Chris, 1.

**Dotty Kizer Marcinko** '78, a university librarian, was recently elected treasurer of the Auburn League of Women Voters. She lives in Auburn with her husband, Steve.

**Sharon Whitlock Van Roekel** '78 lives with her husband, Loren, in Winter Park, Fla.

**Susan Carlisle Payne** '78 was recently promoted to manager of the test kitchens staff and the foods department editorial staff at Oxmoor House. She lives in Birmingham.

**Frank Walburn** '79 was recently named director of the woodlands division of the MacMillan Bloedel plant in Pine Hill. He and his wife, **Jacqueline Romine** '78, live in Camden.

**MARRIED:** Allyson Reeder to **David Moyer** '79 on April 11. He is vice president of Columbus (Ga.) Bank and Trust Co.

**BORN:** A daughter, Emily Margaret, to Mr. and Mrs. **Bill Frazier** '76 (**Sue Craig** '83) of Birmingham on March 31. Bill is vice president of Engineering Service Associates, Inc.

A son, John Cliburn, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Slack (**Ellen Cliburn** '76) of Decatur, Ga., on Jan. 11, 1991. He joins brother Will, 4.

A son, Marcus Eugene, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Randall (**Janice Riley** '77) of Woodstock, Ga., on Dec. 19, 1991. Janice is supervisor of the hematology lab at Crawford Long Hospital.

A son, John Taylor Matthew, to Mr. and Mrs. Matt Davis (**Kathy Krout** '78) of Birmingham on Oct. 23, 1990. He joins sister Kathryn Steele, 2.

A son, Graham Lee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Brad Hugall** '78 of Auburn on Nov. 20, 1991. He joins his brother, Evan.

A daughter, Mary Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Stephen Windham** '79 of Marietta, Ga., on March 2. Stephen is a technical writer for Prentice Hall Professional Software.

A son, William David, III, to Mr. and Mrs. **William David Jackson, Jr.** '82 (**Nan Luckie** '78) of Sylacauga on Feb. 17. David is vice president of Union State Bank in Pell City and Nan is director of apparel planning for Russell Corp. in Alex City.

**ADOPTED:** A son, Robert Lawrence, by Mr. and Mrs. David Arends (**Jane Koehler** '76) of Reddick, Ill. He was born March 11. Jane teaches at Herscher Grade School.

**'80 Helen Hollis**, assistant professor of psychology at Wesleyan College in Macon, Ga., has received the Vulcan Materials Company Teaching Excellence Award.

**Jon H. Deal** is an accountant specializing in estate and trust taxation. He has recently been admitted as a shareholder to the firm of Wilson, Price, Barranco, & Billingsley in Montgomery.

**Tommy Carlisle** has been named general manager of special interest publications at Southern Progress in Birmingham.

1/Lt. **John W. Capdepon** has recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Arabian Gulf with the 22nd Marine Expeditionary Unit based at Camp Lejeune, N.C.

**James L. Thiesse**, Ed.D., teaches advanced technical studies at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, where he has recently received tenure.

**Harry T. Chandler**, a sanitary and project manager for the Jefferson County Department of Environmental Services, was recently nominated as a Young Engineer of the Year. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, **Jeanne Elliott** '81.

**W. Gerry Gilmer**, assistant to the president for university relations at Florida State University in Tallahassee, has been named to the sixth edition of *Who's Who in Public Relations*.

**BORN:** A son, Robert Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. **Richard Healy (Laura Stevenson)** of

## AIA Taps Alum as Fellow

Harry A. MacEwen '35 of Tampa, Fla., was one of five Florida architects recently named to the College of Fellows by the American Institute of Architects (AIA). The honor is awarded for significant contributions to the profession. With the exception of the Gold Medal, fellowship is the highest honor the AIA can bestow on a member.

## Auburn Professor Grady Cox Retires

Industrial Engineering Professor J. Grady Cox retired recently after spending 40 years as a student and faculty member at AU. After earning a bachelor's in chemical engineering in 1948 and a master's in math in 1950 on the plains, Cox returned to Auburn as associate professor of mechanical engineering in 1958.

He received his Ph.D. in industrial engineering from Purdue in 1964 and led the development of Auburn's Department of Industrial Engineering, which he headed until 1966. He was assistant and associate dean of engineering from 1965 to 1969 and dean 1969-72 and 1979-80. He served as executive vice president 1980-82. In the past year alone, Cox has been honored three times for outstanding teaching.

## Cashatt Selected As Switzer Scholar

Disability awareness consultant Marianne J. Cashatt '54 of Fishersville, Va., has been selected an honorary Switzer Scholar in Rehabilitation for 1992. Only 20 rehabilitation experts in the U.S. were chosen to participate in the seminar, which was held in Washington, D.C., in June. The three-day "think tank" was hosted by the President's Committee on Employment of People with Disabilities.

## '54 Grad Named Top Pharmacist

The Southeastern Society of Hospital Pharmacists recently named Bill Stephenson '54 Hospital Pharmacist of the Year through the Lillian Price Award. Stephenson is the director of pharmacy services at Northeast Alabama Regional Medical Center in Anniston. He has won several awards for his leadership in the profession.



**GROVER GRADUATES**—The Grover family of Brentwood, Tenn., was well represented at Auburn's spring commencement, when Lynn Grover Ritchey '66 came to watch brother Ronald Grover receive a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering.



## Cook Heads Martin Marietta

J. Richard Cook '56 has been named president of Martin Marietta Electronic Systems, headquartered in Orlando, Fla. Chosen as the 1992 Outstanding Industrial Engineering Alumnus, Cook recently served as vice president of technical operations for the Martin Marietta Astronautics Group in Denver.

A former Navy pilot, he joined Martin Marietta in 1959 at Cape Canaveral, working with Titan and Gemini launch vehicle programs. In following years, he has served in management in the company's technical, spacecraft, test, engineering, and electronics programs. In 1976, while serving as spacecraft manager and flight operations control chief, he earned a NASA public service award for contributions to the Viking program.

## Alum's View As 'Vice Pres.'

Guatemalan businessman Harris H. Whitbeck '59, who recently returned to campus to speak to the Auburn-Opelika chapter of Partners of the Americas, served as top aide—"closest thing we had to being vice president"—under Guatemala's President Efraín Ríos Montt for 18 months from 1982 until Montt was ousted in a coup in August 1983. He also served as Montt's running mate in 1990, until the incumbent government disallowed their candidacy. But they expect to run again in 1995.

Whitbeck's unique political experiences have convinced him that all of America must form economic ties similar to the European Community. While he awaits his political future, he runs a construction company he started in 1968.

His company built 400-500 kilometers of highways by the mid-'70s, becoming Guatemala's largest highway construction company. Today, Universal Construction Co. operates a quarry, an export mahogany furniture manufacturing division, and a division which produces machines for making lightweight concrete blocks.

Whitbeck has been a strong advocate for the poor in his homeland; he was a charter member of the Carroll Behrhorst Foundation, which gained worldwide recognition for boosting the health and education of highland Indians. He was also instrumental in establishing the sister city relationship between Auburn and Guatemala City about 20 years ago.



**BAILEY ON THE LINE**—Carl F. Bailey '52, left, recently retired from South Central Bell as chairman and CEO and BellSouth Telecommunications as co-chairman, was presented with the Distinguished Service Medallion by the United States Telephone Association (USTA). The award, which was presented by USTA Chairman Ivan Seidenberg, is the highest honor given by USTA and recognizes Bailey's outstanding contributions to the telephone industry.

Birmingham on March 9. He joins his sister, Anne, 8, and brother, Rick, 6. Richard is an engineer in the marketing department at Southern Natural Gas.

**'81 Rich Valavicius** works at Johnson High in Huntsville, where he lives with his wife, **Sharon Mazza** '80, and their children, Brian, 5, and Lauren, 2.

**Carole Baldwin Butterworth** lives in Glastonbury, Conn., with her husband, Chris, and their children, Allie, 5, and Conner, 1.

**Glen Neil King** works for Multimedia in Montgomery as a sales manager.

**Donald C. Hendry**, president of Pinson Valley Heat Treating Co., has been nominated as a Young Engineer of the Year. He lives in Birmingham with his wife, Janice.

**MARRIED:** **Carol Lee McQuitty** to Andrew James Rollin on Oct. 19. They live in Sunnyvale, Calif.

**BORN:** A son, James Douglas, III, to Mr. and Mrs. **Doug Putnam, Jr.** of Phenix City on March 2.

A son, Wade Alan, to Mr. and Mrs. **James Alan Ash (Dale Matthews)** of Brewton on May 3, 1991. He joins his brother, Matt, 3. Dale is controller at First National Bank and Alan teaches in the Brewton City Schools and at Jefferson Davis Community College.

A daughter, Andrea Paige, to Mr. and Mrs. **Jeffrey Marion Lowery** of Helena on May 21.

A daughter, Megan Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. **Eric Gyauch (Lisa Marsh)** of Columbia, S.C., on Aug. 16, 1991. She joins her brother, Will, 4.

A son, John O'Neill, to Mr. and Mrs. **Britt McPheeters (Donna West)** of Brady, Neb., on Nov. 15, 1991. Donna owns a children's mail order catalog company, Chapel Hill.

A daughter, Amy Renee, to Mr. and Mrs. **Jay Burdette** of Hoover on April 29. He is an engineering manager with Southern Company Services in Birmingham.

A daughter, Sally Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. **Bruce Kirkleski** of Meridian, Miss., on April 13. He manages maintenance data systems at James River Corp. in Pennington.

A daughter, Danielle Faith, to Mr. and Mrs. **Daniel Percival (Faye Pittman)** of Wetumpka on April 25.

A son, William Tyler, to Mr. and Mrs.

**William E. Puckett (Elizabeth Hunt)** of Stillwater, Okla., on June 18, 1991. He joins his brother, Ashton, 2.

**'82 Janice York Watson** of Birmingham is a purchasing manager for the Elastic Corp. of America. She and her husband, Phil, have one son, Drew, 2.

**Lee Ann Tarvin O'Rourke** of Tampa, Fla., is a sales representative for several home furnishing companies. She and her husband, Tom, have a three-year-old daughter, Meghan.

**Timothy Neil Rhyne** is an AH-1 "Cobra" instructor pilot assigned to D Troop, 2nd Squadron, 4th Cavalry at the Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, Ga.

**Joy Malone** works for the Forest Service as a dispersed recreation manager. She lives in Hope Hull.

**Richard A. Freese** has been named a partner in the Birmingham law firm of Burr & Forman.

**Harry Toothaker** is secretary-treasurer for the board of the Lighthouse Counseling Center. He and his wife, **Robyn Rutherford**, live in Montgomery.

**Alan Ulman** is senior manager of employee communications at the Georgia-Pacific Corp. in Atlanta.

**Stacy Hader Epstein** is a freelance public relations consultant working for clients such as the California Raisins, Ghirardelli Chocolate, and the Stanford Court Hotel. She lives with her husband, David, in San Francisco.

Lt. **Hans K. Croeber** has been assigned to the Helicopter Combat Support Squadron-1 at North Island NAS in San Diego, Calif.

**MARRIED:** **Allison Kaye Jackson** to **David Scott Matheny** '84 on May 23. Allison is a rehabilitation counselor for Intracorp and David is vice president of fixed income at Raymond James. They live in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**BORN:** A daughter, Victoria Noel, to Mr. and Mrs. **Mark Slingo (Deborah Garner)** of Marietta, Ga., on April 3. She joins a brother, Jordan, 2.

**'83 Greg Goedde** recently formed Goedde Design/Architects, an architectural consulting firm in Birmingham.

Capt. **Theodore L. Jennings, Jr.** received his master's in metallurgic engineering from Georgia Tech in March. He is stationed with the Army Acquisition Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md., where he lives with his wife, **Dianne Ross**, and their sons, Mark Alan, 3, and Stephen Lee, 2.

**Melissa Shaw Heron** practices law at Frank B. Simpson Law Firm in Huntsville, and her husband, **James Heron** '84, is the quality assurance manager for American Fructose in Decatur. They live in Priceville.

**Ben M. Scott** is a production scheduler for Wilton Corp. in Winchester, Tenn. He and his wife, Regina, live in Tullahoma, Tenn.

**James S. Crump, Jr.** is the head pharmacist of CCS Pharmacy in Daphne. He and his wife, Denise, live in Mobile.

**MARRIED:** Karen Squires to **Benjamin Franklin Elmore, III** on March 14. He is a county forester with the Alabama Forestry Commission.

**BORN:** A son, Bryan Robert, to Mr. and Mrs. **Karl Tysl (Julie Lunsetter)** of Wichita, Kan., on Sept. 23, 1991. He joins his sister, Alicia, 2.

**'84 Marcela Carra Holder** is working on her MBA at the University of Missouri-Kansas City, where she lives with her husband.

**Michael Sharp Speakman** is an associate with the law firm of Haygood, Cleveland and Pierce. He and his wife, **Susan Lovett** '88, live in Auburn.

**Tony Reid Johns** received his Ph.D. in business from FSU in April. He lives in Virginia Beach, Va.

**James Russell Kendrick** will attend Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Va., beginning in August. He and his wife, **Robin Rhodes** '86, have one son, Aaron, 1.

**Lisa A. Browner** has recently been promoted to senior sales representative for SmithKline Beecham Pharmaceuticals. She and her husband, Todd, live with their daughter, Beth, 2, in Nashville, Tenn.

**BORN:** A son, William Keith, to Mr. and Mrs. **Steve M. Boswell, Jr. (Deborah Byrd)** of Alabaster on July 29, 1991. He joins brother Steve, III, 2. Mr. Boswell is a maintenance superintendent for U.S. Pipe and Foundry Co. and Deborah is a speech-language pathologist.

**'85 Paula A. Falocco** received a master's in computer science from the University of Illinois in October 1991. She works for AT&T in North Andover, Mass., and lives in Derry, N.H.

**Lisa Varner** received her Ph.D. in human ecology from the University of Tennessee in December 1991. She will begin a graduate program in clinical psychology at Virginia Tech in the fall.

**Sandy A. Wink** is a flight attendant for American Airlines in Washington D.C. She lives in Centerville, Va.

**David C. Austin** is the chief financial officer for Tip Top Poultry. He lives with his wife, Joanna, and son, Chester Austin, Jr., 2, in Marietta, Ga.

**Claudia Brooks D'Avanzo** recently became an account supervisor for Fleishman-Hillard, Inc., in Atlanta, where she lives with her husband.

**David Breedlove** has completed requirements to practice architecture in Alabama and has been promoted to associate of KPS Group, Inc., an architectural firm in Birmingham.

**Sally Hamilton Moos** is an operations/sales agent for Tour Express in Denver, Colo., where she lives with her husband, Steve.

**Sharon Annette Gilbert** to **Billy Scott Hunt** '90 on May 2. She works for the Lee County Board of Education and he works for Flowers Baking Company.

**Stephanie Anne Stafford** '87 to **Dean David Ledbetter** on Feb. 8. She works for



UAB's pediatrics department. He works for Ledbetter and Berhune, CPAs.

**BORN:** A daughter, Laura Shirley, to Mr. and Mrs. **Kirk Walden (Christine Solenberger '86)** of Opelika on Feb. 17. Laura joins brother Joel Alan.

A son, Hunter Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. **Louis (Lucky) Pittman, DVM, (Mardi Monin, DVM)** of Rochepot, Mo., on April 20. He joins Forrest and Savannah.

A son, Garrick David, to Mr. and Mrs. **Phillip D. Moultrie '83 (Carol Barnard)** of Hoover on March 16. He is a corporate account sales representative for Liberty Mutual Insurance Co.

**'86 Amy Henderson Brown** graduated from University of San Francisco's law school in May. Her husband, **Henry Brown**, is a district court clerk in San Francisco, where they live with their sons, Jacob, 4, and Nicholas, 2.

**L. Dean Baird, DVM**, recently attended a continuing education program at Virginia Tech's College of Veterinary Medicine. He works at Jones Animal Hospital in Bristol, Va.

**Jennifer L. Jones** is a money market analyst with Fidelity Investments-FMR Texas, Inc. She lives in Dallas.

**Janet Gilbert Zarr** lives with her husband, **Robert Zarr, Jr.**, and their son, Trace, 1, in Midlothian, Va. Bobby is a key account executive for ADP.

**Young Soo Kwon** is a procedure specialist for Martin Marietta Energy System in Paducah, Ky.

**Anne M. DePadro** is a trust tax officer in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

**Beth A. Ley** is the art director for R. Meadows and Fowler in Birmingham.

**Angela Palmer Cornell** teaches fourth grade in Cobb County (Ga.) Schools. She and her husband, Kenneth, live in Smyrna, Ga.

**MARRIED:** Susan Leigh Preuit to **Joe L. Leak** on Jan. 18. He works for Starnes and Atchison law firm in Birmingham.

Patricia Ann Bragg to **Steven Curtis Thornton** on Feb. 15. They live in Huntsville.

Laure Meyer to **Curtis P. Carroll**. They live in Columbia, S.C., where he is a sales representative for Sandoz Pharmaceuticals.

**Susan Rene Pippin** to Daniel Harris Rhyne, III on March 21. She works for AmSouth Bank in Montgomery.

**BORN:** A son, Michael Connor, to Mr. and Mrs. **Michael Dobbs '84 (Jennifer Mast)** of Atlanta on May 5. Michael is the general

manager of marketing and sales for BellSouth Mobility.

A girl, Sara Katherine, to Mr. and Mrs. **Rebel Butts (Leanne McRae)** of Montgomery on July 4, 1991.

A daughter, Chandler Ellen, to Mr. and Mrs. **Robert L. Shepherd, III (Michelle Slay)** on April 3. They live in Ellenwood, Ga., where he teaches and coaches, and she is a forensic scientist for the GBI crime lab.

**'87 Lt. William H. Mason** is stationed at Patuxent River NAS, Md., with Fleet Air Reconnaissance Squadron-Four.

**Lt. Steven D. Hope** recently returned from a six-month deployment with Tactical Electronic Warfare Squadron-140 homeported at Whidbey Island NAS, Wash.

**Dawn Woolley Lomax** is a pharmacist at West Florida Hospital. She lives with her husband, Bret, in Graceville, Fla.

**David C. Walters** is an electrical engineer for Tennessee Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport, Tenn., where he lives with his wife, Dana.

**Cris Strickland** is art director/illustrator for Steiner/Bressler Advertising. He lives in Birmingham.

**Laura Gamble** is a program analyst for the Air Force at the Pentagon. She lives in Alexandria, Va.

**Leticia K. Culver** is a marketing database manager for Southtrust Corp. in Birmingham.

**Vicki Wilson** is a nurse in the labor and delivery unit at St. Vincent's Hospital in Birmingham.

**Ronald S. Donaldson** has been elected first vice president of the Alabama Cattlemen's Association. He lives in Cullman.

**Kellie McMahan** works in the professional banking department of Wachovia Bank in Atlanta.

**MARRIED:** Alysia Dawn Hazard to Scott Chase Matchan on Oct. 26, 1991. She is the business manager at Peachtree Corners Animal Clinic. They live in Roswell, Ga.

**Martha Louise Smalshof** to John Wayne Thomason, Jr. on March 14. They live in Atlanta.

**Teresa Anne Lucas '91 to Kyle Russell Hildreth** on April 4. She is an admissions counselor at LaGrange (Ga.) College, and he is a plant manager at Twin City Concrete in Auburn.

Julia Fink to **Douglas B. Eidson** on July 18. He does corporate real estate work for Healthdyne, Inc., in Atlanta.

Katharine Lou Simons to **Keith William**

**Starnes** on Feb. 29. They live in Montgomery.

Susan Diane Chandler to **John Calvin Varner** on March 7. They live in Auburn.

Michelle Chonette to **Steven Edward Leader** on May 30. He is a flight test engineer at Pt. Mugu Naval Station, Calif.

**'88 Charles E. Floyd, III** graduated from Jones School of Law in 1991 and is a lawyer with Floyd and Floyd in Phenix City.

**Leslie Smith Wood** is an interior designer with Creative Interiors in Columbus, Ga., where she lives with her husband, Todd.

**Elizabeth Christensen Weitenbeck** is a cost accountant for Boeing Aerospace. She lives in Huntsville with her husband, Jeff.

**Paige Ann Maglin** is a CPA with J.K. Boatwright and Co. in La Grange, Ga.

**Patrick J. Hill** recently joined the Atlanta branch of Manning, Selvage, and Lee as an assistant account executive. He and his wife, **Lee Burden '90**, live in Buford, Ga.

**Eric Hinkle**, who recently passed the CPA exam, is a senior accountant for Habif, Arogeti, and Wynne in Atlanta. His wife, **Angela Johnson**, was recently promoted to director of field incentives for Equifax, Inc. They live in Marietta, Ga.

**Ann Fox** recently joined Wolf Blumberg Krody, Inc., in Cincinnati, Ohio, as an account executive.

**Blane Mooney** was recently promoted to film product manager for Sonoco Products Co. in Hartsville, S.C., where he lives with his wife, Patricia, and their child.

Ens. **Carl Bolter** recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Red Sea and Persian Gulf aboard the USS Aubrey Fitch, homeported in Mayport, Fla. His wife, **Kristen Smith**, works for Humana Health Care Insurance in Jacksonville, Fla.

**Brian P. Wilson** recently began working as master controller for the Eternal Word Television Network in Birmingham.

Marine Lt. **Frank Phillips** recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Persian Gulf aboard the USS Elrod, homeported in Charleston, S.C.

Marine 1/Lt. **Andrew Novak** recently received the Navy Commendation Medal for service as an information systems management officer with the Pacific Fleet Marine Force. He is the processing officer for the Regional Automated Service Center at El Toro MCAS, Calif.

**Steven B. Jackle** is a pilot for American Eagle. He recently returned from Puerto Rico and lives in Brentwood, Tenn.

**MARRIED:** Lynda Jo Henderson to Harry Albert Rush on Sept. 7, 1991. Lynda is a pharmacist at Wal-Mart in Birmingham.

Jennifer Christine Allison to **William Ashley Harris** on Nov. 16, 1991. They live in Auburn.

Leigh Anne Hartzog to **Kenneth Randall Welch** on Feb. 15. Kenneth works with Rust International Corp. They live in Chelsea.

**Jennifer Lynn Jones** to Samuel Forrest Anderson on May 16.

Debra Ann Childers to **Patrick Gregory Perdue** on March 28. Patrick is a construction consultant with the Pearson Management Group in Montgomery.

Amy J. Ridlehoover to **Steven D. Green** on March 14. They live in Pensacola, Fla.

**Endora Colette Walker** to Timothy Wayne Spradlin on March 14. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C., where she is plant engineer with Lucia, Inc.

**Beth Anne Gullatte** to **Ellis Crawford Grimsley '86** on March 28. They live in Marietta, Ga., where he works for Farm Credit Administration.

**'89 Eric L. Reid** is an auto body instructor at Shoals Community College in Muscle Shoals.

**Cloyd Thomas Dunn, IV** is an executive

## Logan Named Time President

Don Logan '66, president and CEO since 1985 of Southern Progress Corp. in Birmingham, was named president and chief operating officer of Time, Inc., in June. He is now the No. 2 manager at Time and oversees the company's New York-based magazine division, which includes *Time*, *Fortune*, *Life*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Money*, *People*, *Sports Illustrated for Kids*, and *Entertainment Weekly*.

Southern Progress, which Logan first joined in 1970, publishes *Southern Living*, *Progressive Farmer*, *Cooking Light*, *Southern Accent*, and *Travel South* magazines, as well as Oxmoor House books. Southern Progress and Time are both divisions of Time-Warner, Inc.

## Page to Sail Around World

In October Anita Page '72 will depart from New York in an attempt to become the first woman to sail non-stop around the world solo. Her Antarctic-region voyage will take her through the Southern Ocean and around the Cape of Good Hope and Cape Horn.

Page's supporters have set up an educational program so public school children across the country can participate in the voyage from start to finish. The children will learn about navigation, geography, weather patterns and currents, sailboat design, and sea life through live voice transmissions from the boat.

A former attorney, Page began sailing intensively after graduating from Auburn and, in 1982, helped start a sailing school, Points of Sail.

## Dorough '86: A Teacher of Promise

Donna Dorough '86 (M.Ed. '89) was one of three educators statewide to win the Georgia Science Teachers Association's Teacher of Promise Award, which recognizes teachers at the elementary, middle, and secondary school levels with three years or less experience. A chemistry and physical science teacher at Columbus (Ga.) High, Dorough received \$200 and a plaque from the Atlanta Gas Light Company as part of the honor.

She was also one of 16 nationwide chosen to participate in the Dow/NSTA Honors Workshop for High School Chemistry Teachers held this summer in Midland, Mich.



**PRINCESS VISITS THE DENTIST**—David M. Fry '72, left, a Montgomery dentist, and Harold Pate '79, a veterinarian in Hayneville, recently teamed up to perform root canal therapy on Princess, a 350-pound lion which lives at the Montgomery Zoo. The doctors were successful and they said the patient had no complaints.



recruiter for Robert Half International in Tampa, Fla. He lives in Brandon, Fla.

Lt(jg). **Charles W. Malone** is with Patrol Squadron-11 at Brunswick NAS, Me.

**Craig Collier** is an associate sales engineer in eastern Tennessee for Contech Construction Products, Inc. He lives in Knoxville.

**Kay Nichols Jordan** is working on her teaching certificate. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Smyrna, Ga.

**Jennifer M. Len** is a personnel supervisor for ABRST Temporary Services in Charlotte, N.C.

**Thomas W. Gullede** is a loan officer at Citizen Bank, Inc., in Robertsdale.

**Sonia L. Simmons** is an accountant for Liberty Savings Bank in Atlanta.

**MARRIED:** Sarah Rebecca Jones to **William Claude Rivenbark** on April 11. He works for AmSouth Bank in Montgomery.

**Leigh Ann Williamson '90** to **Robert Wesley Bradshaw** on Feb. 15. They live in Jackson, Miss.

**Kassandra Britt '90** to **James Brian Hoskins** on May 5, 1990. He is a flight instructor at Meridian NAS, Miss., and she is a radio personality for WOKK-FM 97.

Alexa Wilkinson to 1/Lt. **Walter C. Mattil**. They live in Killeen, Tex. He recently received the Bronze Star for his service in the Gulf War and is stationed with the 8th Combat Engineer Battalion at Ft. Hood, Tex.

Pamela Stump to **Clinton D. Nail** on May 2. They live in Birmingham.

**Susan Lorice Stewart** to Kenneth Charles Sanders on May 9. They live in Opelika.

Regina Kay Mitchell to **Bernard Scott Richburg** on Feb. 15. He is a civil engineer for the Alabama Highway Department in Montgomery.

Michelle Martine Snyder to **Kirk Lee Jackson** on Dec. 28, 1991. He attends the University of South Alabama College of Medicine in Mobile.

Sara Lynn Smith to **Dozier Smith T** on May 16. He is an accountant with Ernst and Whinney in Birmingham.

**'90 Brian Hunt** is a production supervisor for Sonoco Products in Clifton Forge, Va.

**Jimmy Lane Odom** is a sales representative for Kraft in Tampa, Fla. He lives in Lutz, Fla.

Ens. **David S. McConnell** has recently completed the Basic Surface Warfare Officer's Course in San Diego, Calif.

Ens. **Michael B. McCallum** has been assigned to the USS Whidbey Island, which is homeported in Norfolk, Va.

**Patrick Fitzgerald** and his wife, **Allene Boyd '85**, are co-owners of Professional Pharmacy in Columbus, Ga.

2/Lt. **David W. Eiland** is assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Kaneohe Bay MCAS, Hi. He has recently returned from a month-long training exercise with his unit.

2/Lt. **Patrick B. Wilson** has recently returned from a month-long training exercise with the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marines, 1st Marine Expeditionary Brigade at Kaneohe Bay MCAS, Hi.

2/Lt. **Daniel M. Sullivan** has been deployed to the Mediterranean for six months with the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit, which is based at Camp LeJeune, N.C.

Lt. **Mark W. Moore** is based at Carswell AFB in Ft. Worth, Tex. He and his wife, **Kimberly Wadsworth**, live in North Richland Hill, Tex. She works for Delta Air Lines.

**MARRIED:** Beth Albritton to **Nicholas E. Wertz** on June 8, 1991. He works for Pharmacy Management Services and she teaches English at Peachtree Junior High. They live in Atlanta.

**Julie Pharr Marks** to **Derek Anthony Jones '89** on Dec. 28, 1991. Derek is a fourth-year medical student at UAB and she is a pharmacist at University Hospital. They live in Birmingham.



**ORANGE AND BLUE ALL THE WAY THROUGH**—The Frazer family of LaFayette has made a tradition of getting Auburn degrees, as father Bill Frazer '58, his four daughters, and four sons-in-law are all AU grads. From left to right, standing, are: Thomas Darden '79, holding son Frazer, daughter Hayley (standing in front of her dad), and wife Terri Frazer '82; Pat Martin '89 and wife Traci Frazer '89; and Tina Frazer '88 and husband Bryant Buchner '86. Seated: Bill Frazer '58 and wife Maxine; and Tami Frazer '86 and husband Bud Robison '87. We're not sure when the dog graduated.

**Sheri Fastenrath** to Thomas A. Turner, III on Oct. 5, 1991. She is a veterinarian at the Animal Medical Clinic in Huntsville.

Shawana Johnson to **Marty Lowery** on April 4. He works for Union Camp in Prattville.

**Jennifer Waverly Strickland** to **William Alexander Nunn** on Feb. 29. They live in Columbus, Ga.

**Kelly Anne Brand** to **Mark S. Schoenholz** on May 30. She is an interior designer with Crawford, Inc., and he is an industrial designer at McDonnell Douglas. They live in Huntsville.

**Marci Carol Jernigan** to **Todd Gordon Hyman** '88 on May 16.

Amy Rebecca Anderson to **Russell Slayton Harris** on Dec. 28, 1991. He is an applications engineer at Appleton Wireworks in Montgomery.

**Leigh Ellen Smith** to Kevin Nolen Dean on Feb. 15. She teaches at Stephens Elementary in Alexander City.

**Carolyn Dawn Fuller** to William A. Bussey on May 2. She is a community relations director for Friends of the Mountain View Center. They live in Los Altos Hills, Calif.

**Diana Louise Palmire** to Gregory Allen Beasley on March 28. She teaches at Peter Crump Elementary and they live in Repton.

**Tara Lynn Jones** to Dannis Earl Dummonds in April. They live in Auburn.

**Olivia Ruth Wilson** to Stephen Daniel Neuhoff on Feb. 8. She works for Carlyle and Co. Jewelers. They live in Pike Road.

**Ginger Arlene Freeman** to **Phillip W. King '91** on April 25. They live in Douglasville, Ga., and both work as graphic artists—Ginger with Vigor Corp. and Phillip with Home Depot.

Anna Laura White to **Bradley Myer Beasley** on May 16. They live in Birmingham.

**'91 Faye M. Whidbee** is an accounting manager for Security Pacific National Bank. She lives in Placentia, Calif.

**Nicole Elaine Huff** is an accountant at RTM Winners in Atlanta. She lives in Alpharetta, Ga.

**Kenneth Scott McClure** has been promoted to special sales representative for Sandoz Pharmaceuticals. He lives in Little Rock, Ark.

**Shanna Swann Roberts** is an assistant personnel and safety director for WestPoint Pepperell and is pursuing her master's degree at Troy State. She and her husband, Lyn, live in Marianna, Fla.

**Andrew Cooper** is an officer with the Columbus (Ga.) Police Department.

**Leigh Hubbard Ford** received the 1992 Volunteer of the Year Award in April for her

work with Project Uplift, a Lee County delinquency prevention program. She and her husband, Tom, live in Auburn.

**Thomas L. Pace** works for the Russell Corp. in Alexander City as an assistant department supervisor.

**Deana Christine Crafton** is a business team leader for General Electric in Decatur. She lives in Huntsville.

**Jonathan Grady Owen** is a programmer for Ogden/ERC Government Systems in Montgomery.

**Mary Nell Reid** is a mechanical engineer for the Eastman Chemical Co. in Kingsport, Tenn.

Ens. **John D. Uprichard** has graduated from the Navy Supply School.

2/Lt. **Marcus A. Moore** has recently graduated from the Navy Basic School.

2/Lt. **Kevin S. Kretzschmar** has graduated from the Navy Basic School.

Ens. **Albert M. Carden** has recently graduated from the Navy Supply School.

Ens. **James R. Worthy** has recently graduated from the Navy Supply School.

**Kristie Lynn Watt** is a management trainee for Circuit City in Huntsville.

**Elizabeth Carol Cook** is a caseworker for the Cobb County Department of Families & Children Services. She lives in Smyrna, Ga.

**Sharon Lynn Poole** is a private nanny in Roswell, Ga. She lives in Smyrna, Ga.

**William Glenn Bain** is a process engineer for the Parker Hannifin Corp. in Jacksonville. He and his wife, Gina, live in Anniston.

**William G. Ratliff** is an accountant for Ray H. Patrick, Jr., P.C., in Atlanta.

**Stephen (Todd) McGarrity** works for King & Spalding in Atlanta as a document clerk.

**Thomas A. Gilreath** is a software engineer for American Megatrends in Norcross, Ga. He lives in Dunwoody, Ga.

**Kristie Renee Allen** is an accountant for Stone Avant in Birmingham.

**Scott Alan Giles** is a supervisor for President Baking Co. in Birmingham. He lives in Hoover.



**AU SADLERS**—Three generations of Auburn men met recently and posed for this photograph. From left to right are: John Kirk Sadler '92; John Ellwood Sadler '29 of Houston; and Jack Ellwood Sadler '62 of Cupertino, Calif.



**David W. Ryder** is an engineer with Hayes Targets in Leeds and lives in Moody.

**Brooke Thorington** is an administrator for New Era Promotions in Birmingham.

**MARRIED: Shannon Elizabeth Jones** to **Ben Waldon Andrews** on Mar. 28. They live in Arlington, Tex.

**Melanie Dawn Ridgeway** to David Brian Etheredge on Mar. 21. They live in Birmingham.

**Susan Monique LeGrone** to **Gary Stuart Alexander** '88. They live in Macon, Ga.

**Tracie Hodge** to Paul West on Mar. 21. They live in Birmingham, where she is an interior designer for Crawford, Inc.

Michele A. Flynn to **Charles D. Brown, Jr.** on Feb. 14. He works for Goodwyn, Mills, and Cawood in Montgomery.

Gina Lucas to **Robert P. Smith** on Jan. 18. He works for Resource Applications in Roswell, Ga.

**Susan Caroline Pou** to **Michael Gerard Brady** on May 30. She works for Baxter Health Care in Jackson, Miss. He is an ensign in the Navy.

**Ragan Annette Sellers** to **James Weston Spears** '89 on Mar. 21. She works for Delta Air Lines and he works for Morris Information Systems in Houston.

**Donna Lynn Johnston** '82 to **Mark Douglas Griffin** on Feb. 22. They live in Montgomery.

Virginia Estes Austin to **David Lamar Allen** on April 4. He works for Fruit of the Loom in Aliceville.

**Stephanie Ann Northcutt** to George Bret Johndrow on Feb. 15. They live in Loganville, Ga.

**Deana Lorraine Dickey** to Martin Fagundes, III on March 7. They live in LaGrange, Ga.

**Jill Monica LaCour** to **David John Peacock** on Mar. 14. She attends UAB and he works for National Life of Vermont. They live in Birmingham.

Lisa Ann Williams to **Jeffrey Archer Martin** on Jan. 25. They live in Montgomery.

Tonya Kay Woodley to **Richard Allen Storm** on Feb. 1. They live in Auburn.

**Linda Janette Harlow** to **Paul Stuart Jablonowski** on April 4. They live in Huntsville, where she works for Westinghouse and he is a freelance designer.

**BORN:** A son, Evan Thomas, to Mr. and Mrs. **Gregory D. Hall** of Opelika on April 19.

**'92 MARRIED:** Robin Marie Jackson to **Alan Bradley Sanders** on Dec. 7, 1991. They live in Auburn.

## In Memoriam

Compiled by Vicki Perry '93

**Charles A. Harris** '14 of Montgomery is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his son, Charles A. Harris, Jr. '40.

**H. Lyle Biggin** '21 of Auburn died April 26. He is survived by his wife, Helen Glover Biggin '30 and brother, Beverly B. Biggin '37.

**Wilmer M. Mayson** '23 of Mobile died Feb. 10. Survivors include his wife, Lil.

**Charles H. Winston** '24 of Montgomery died April 15. He is survived by his wife, Helen; daughter, Helen W. Sutphen '58; two granddaughters; and one great-grandson.

**Elmer Graf** '25 of Greeneville, Tenn., is deceased according to recent information.

**William R. Waugh** '27 of Arlington, Va., died April 10. He was a retired engineer. He is survived by his wife, Martha; daughters, Patricia and Cynthia; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**Bertha Dubose Billingslea** '29 of Uniontown has been deceased since April 15, 1990, according to recent information. She

was a retired high school teacher. Survivors include her daughter, Martha Ann, and sisters, Louise and Gladys.

**Winston William Jones** '31 of Riverside, Calif., died July 24, 1991. He was a researcher who developed citrus fertilization techniques now used worldwide and a long-time member of the faculty at the University of California-Riverside. He is survived by his wife, Gladys; daughters, Carol Ann and Sharon; and three grandchildren.

**Ellwood Franklin Oakley, Jr.** '32 of Pine Hill died Nov. 15, 1991. Survivors include his wife, Margaret T. Oakley '34.

**William V. Harlin** '33 of Anniston is deceased according to recent information. He was retired from the Department of Agriculture after 33 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Emma; daughter, Jane Harlin Muedeking '65; son, William Harlin '71; brother, Edgar Harlin '23; and five grandchildren.

**William Thad Solley, Jr.** '34 of Arab is deceased according to recent information. He was retired from Redstone Arsenal. Survivors include his wife, Ethel; son, Max; daughter, Nancy; sisters, Gladys, Vidale, Ynell, and Emma Lou; and three grandchildren.

**Thomas L. Turner** '34 of Coffeetown died Sept. 6, 1991, according to recent information.

**Mims Howard Conner** '36 of Eufaula died Dec. 27, 1990. Survivors include his daughter, Louise Conner Clark '67.

**John Turner Becker** '37 of Birmingham is deceased according to recent information. He was retired from the U.S. Pipe Co. Survivors include his wife, Elizabeth.

**Osgood Francis Cook, Jr.** '38 of Thomasville, Ga., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Margaret.

**Owen L. Sparks** '39 of Huntsville is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Kathryn; sons, David L. Sparks '79 and Wesley; daughter, Brenda; and two grandchildren.

**C. Orion Blackwell** '39 of Scottsboro died April 10, 1991. He owned Blackwell Feed and Seed Store, Blackwell Chevrolet in Stevenson, and was in the poultry business. He is survived by his wife, Clarice; daughters, Nancy and Linda; sons, John G. Blackwell '64 and Richard; sisters, Dot and Ovie; and seven grandchildren.

**Charles Nichols Parnell, Jr.** '39 is deceased according to recent information.

**John Allen Seibold** '39 of Guntersville died Dec. 11, 1991. Survivors include his wife, Lorene; son, John; and daughters, Becky and Sandra Kay Kiesel '74.

**Luther C. Evans** '40 of Albertville died July 6, 1991. Survivors include his wife, Betty.

**Frances Hurt Heard** '40 of Tuskegee died May 11. She had taught in Macon County and at Macon Academy in Tuskegee for many years. She also served as principal at a school in Roswell, N.M. Survivors include her daughter, Claudia Heard '50.

**David Barnhill** '41 of Robertsedale died Dec. 21, 1991. He was a retired postmaster and also retired from the Air Force as a lieutenant colonel. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; seven children; and 18 grandchildren.

**Robert Miller Tyson** '41 of Eatonton, Ga., died Aug. 14, 1991. Survivors include his wife, Pauline.

**Walter Virgil Petty** '41 of Lawrenceville, Ga., died May 14. He was a veterinarian for 50 years. He is survived by his daughter, Pam; son, Andy; sister, Martha; brother, L.L.; and two grandchildren.

**W. Bemon Lyon** '41 of Arab is deceased according to recent information. He coached basketball and football and taught science at Arab High for 12 years. He was the first principal at Arab Junior High and served as assistant state superintendent of education for four years. Survivors include his son, Benjamin.

**James M. Reynolds** '42 of Tuscaloosa died April 21. Survivors include his son,

James, Jr.; two brothers, including Harry W. Reynolds '42; and two grandchildren.

**William Shepard King** '43 of Florence is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Betty; two daughters; and five grandchildren.

**John R. Gregory** '44 of Greenville, S.C., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Dana, and a daughter, Alison Ray Gregory '83.

**Mary Burns Willis** '45 of Athens, Ga., has been deceased since Aug. 26, 1989, according to recent information. Survivors include her husband, Bill Willis '44; daughters, Katherine, Martha Leigh, and Nancy Claire; son, John; mother, Inez; and four grandchildren.

**Roy L. Grimsley** '45 of Colquitt, Ga., is deceased according to recent information.

**Bobbie Callen Naftel** '46 of Montgomery died March 25. She is survived by her husband, St. John Naftel '51; sons, William, Robert, and Joe; and six grandchildren.

**Palmer Lowell Edwards** '46 of Pensacola, Fla., died Nov. 14, 1991. He was the first chairman of the University of West Florida's Physics Department. He was named Professor of Physics, Emeritus, when he retired last December. He is survived by his wife, Eileen; stepdaughters, Verna and Lisa; brothers, Charles and James Williams Edwards '41; sisters, Martha Kate Coney '39, Mary Yon '36, and Rebecca; and one step-granddaughter.

**Herbert T. Stevens** '47 of Columbus, Ga., is deceased according to recent information. He was retired from the Muscogee County Schools. Survivors include his wife, Mary Katherine, and daughter, Kathy.

**Jennings Lanier Corter** '48 of Albuquerque, N.M., died March 8. He was retired from the Department of Agriculture. He is survived by his wife, Nellie; daughter, Beth; sons, Tom and Lanny; sister, Clara; and four grandchildren.

**Billy R. Phillips** '50 of Mobile is deceased according to recent information. He is survived by his wife, Winifred; sons, Perry, Tim, and Clay; brothers, Roy and Bobby; and one sister, Era.

**J. Malcolm Reese** '51 of Fort Valley, Ga., died Oct. 29, 1991. He was president of AAA Airport Shuttle, Mednet Systems of Georgia and Malcolm Reese and Associates. He was named one of the Five Outstanding Men of Georgia in 1961 and served as mayor of Perry, Ga., 1970-72. He is survived by his wife, Ann; sons, Joe and Jimmy; brother, Archie; and two grandchildren.

**Thomas R. Watkins** '52 of Stone Mountain, Ga., has been deceased since Dec. 22, 1990, according to recent information. He was president of the Need More Corp. He is survived by his wife, Hilda; sons, Richard and Mark; daughter, Sharon; mother, Beth; sister, Nancy; and one grandson.

**Edward D. Waldrop** '53 of Arab has been deceased since Aug. 3, 1990. He was retired from the Army Missile Command at Redstone Arsenal after 33 years of service. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy; son, Billy Mack Waldrop '70; and daughters, Donna C. Waldrop '79 and Melissa Jane Waldrop Cook '82.

**Charles V. Horne** '55 of Titusville, Fla., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife.

**Emory C. Ford** '58 of Fort Smith, Ark., died Feb. 21. He was retired from Inland Container. He is survived by his wife, Jan; daughters, Mary Janette and Susan; and sister, Frances.

**Charles Edward Sprayberry** '61 of Austell, Ga., is deceased according to recent information. He was retired from the Cobb County Board of Education. Survivors include his wife, Margie; son, Charles, Jr.; daughters, Omdee, Melita, and LeNise; brother, Homer; and sister, Ruth.

**Eugene H. Driver, Jr.** '61 of Atlanta is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his daughter, Cynthia.

**Roger W. Stephens** '62 of Panama City, Fla., is deceased according to recent information.

**Terry Benjamin Segrest** '66 of Panama City, Fla., is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his grandmother, Cassie; half-sister, Sandra; and half-brother, Bradley.

**Robert K. Hall** '68 of Panama City, Fla., died May 7, 1991. He had served on the faculties of Everitt, Bay, and Mosley High Schools. Survivors include his wife, Sue; daughter, Joy Gina; father, R.H.; and two granddaughters.

**James Lawton Robbins** '70 of Birmingham has been deceased since Aug. 20, 1991, according to recent information. He had retired from Alabama Power in 1988. Survivors include his wife, Beverly; daughter, Heather; son, James, Jr.; sisters, Linda and Pam; and three grandchildren.

**Charles Allan Mobbs** '70 of Ozark is deceased according to recent information.

**Beverly Beaird Williamson** '71 of Montgomery has been deceased since Sept. 9, 1989, according to recent information. Survivors include her husband, Charles.

**David Felder Wright** '71 of Birmingham died in 1991 according to recent information. He was vice president of Sherman Industries. Survivors include his wife, Kathy, and two children.

**William O'Neal Crawford** '71 of Selma is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his wife, Betty.

**Stephen A. Carlson** '74 of Montgomery died Jan. 17. He is survived by his mother, Elizabeth; and brothers, T.C., James H. Carlson '70, and Gregory.

**James Hillard Smith, Jr.** '79 of Covington, Ga., is deceased according to recent information. He was employed by the Georgia State Board of Education. Survivors include his parents, James and Dolores, and brother, Robert.

**Michael Joseph George** '81 of Birmingham died Nov. 1, 1991. Survivors include his parents, Ben and Theresa.

**Mark Stephen Chaudron** '86 of Foley is deceased according to recent information. Survivors include his parents.

**Christian Jon Nauman** '90 of El Toro, Calif., died May 9. He was an engineer with Fluor-Daniel in Newport Beach, Calif. Survivors include his parents.

**CORRECTION:** We are happy to report that **William F. Jones, III** is alive and well. He is president of Southern Construction Products and lives in Birmingham with his wife, Mary Ann Blackburn Jones '64. They have two daughters.

## Help Us Find Our Missing Alumni

Help! The following is a list of alumni who have been reported as possibly deceased to the Alumni Association. Our efforts to contact survivors have been unsuccessful. If you have any information about these alumni, please call Nelda Griffin at (205) 844-1166, or write her at the Auburn Alumni Center, 317 S. College St., Auburn University, AL 36849.

Cleve E. Alford '76  
Edward G. Andrews '27  
Marion A. Baldwin, Jr. '46  
Gary Eulan Brown '71  
Edward C. Coffin, Jr. '28  
Roger G. Dutton '72  
William T. Galloway '20  
Edgar Harris '58  
Sarah Louise Head '55  
Charlie M. Koplon '27  
Ernest E. Norton '70  
Ralph Waldo Quinn '44  
Ben F. Riley, III '29  
Charles Mark Riley '84  
Gloria Blackshear Suddeth '50  
Harold D. Tinsley '46  
Annie Maude Upchurch '43  
Waller E. Wedgworth, III '50  
William H. Yeatman '48



## World's Largest Auburn Club Set

Almost every great movie has a sequel. Theory says when something is successful, do it again. We're doing it again, this time bigger and better than before! It's the sequel to the "World's Largest Auburn Club meeting," live via satellite on August 25.

Last August, Auburn clubs across the country were able to visit live, via satellite, with Head Football Coach Pat Dye and Vice President for Advancement Joseph F. Busta, Jr. in an event billed "The World's Largest Auburn Club Meeting." We'd like to call it the World's Largest Auburn Club Meeting again this year, but that requires one thing...it must be larger than last year!

We're doing our part to make it bigger and better. This year, in addition to Coach Dye and Dr. Busta, alumni will be able to talk with Auburn President William V. Muse and new Athletic Director Mike Lude.

Last year's meeting via satellite is still the talk of the club network. Alumni from more than 53 Auburn clubs across the United States gathered to ask questions of Coach Dye and Dr. Busta. The phone lines were packed. Let's pack them again! This is your opportunity to ask questions about the faculty and administration, the defensive line, the new swim center, or alumni dues benefits.

Contact your local Auburn club president for details on where to watch the broadcast with your Auburn club on August 25. If you need assistance contacting the president in your area, please call Genie Brock or Jean Davis at (205) 844-1145.

### CLUB EVENTS

#### ALABAMA

**Coffee County**—Mike Hubbard, general manager of the Auburn Network, July 21. Contact Andy Shelton at (205) 347-2217.

**Crenshaw County**—Aubie Picnic with Aubie and the Cheerleaders, August 13. Contact Dale Sheppard at (205) 335-3083. At the spring meeting in May, Women's Basketball Coach Joe Ciampi was the featured speaker.

**Escambia County**—Men's Basketball Coach Tommy Joe Eagles and Dr. Barry Burkhart, head of the University Senate, July 30. Contact Joe McNeel at (904) 256-3214.

**Etowah County**—Head Track Coach Harvey Glance, August 13. Contact Steve Brunson at (205) 546-9206. Earlier this year, Assistant Football Coach Steve Dennis visited with the Etowah County Club at the spring meeting.

**Jefferson County**—Cage the Bengal Tigers Fall Party, September 17, Radisson Hotel, 5:30 p.m.

**Lee County**—Head Football Coach Pat Dye, August 4. Contact John Harrell at (205) 742-7105.

**Sumter County**—Kent Partridge, Assistant Sports Information Director, August 24. Contact Bob Spears at (205) 652-9501.

#### FLORIDA

**Gold Coast (Broward, Dale and Palm Beach Counties)**—Head Track Coach Harvey Glance, August 25. Contact Tami Gautier at (305) 666-6333.

**Suncoast (St. Petersburg)**—Head Track Coach Harvey Glance, August 23. Contact Johnnie Guest at (813) 821-3133.

**Tampa Bay**—Head Track Coach Harvey Glance, August 24. Contact Mike Adcock at (813) 933-6691. Men's Basketball Coach Tommy Joe Eagles participated in the club golf tournament earlier this spring.

#### GEORGIA

**Carrollton**—Sports Information Director David Housel, Liberal Arts

**Dean Gordon Bond, and Aubie,** August 18. Contact Randy Murchison at (404) 214-5302.

**McIntosh Area (Griffin)**—Defensive Football Coach Tommy Raye, August 6. Contact Joe Joiner at (404) 228-3010.

**Southwest Georgia (Albany)**—Assistant Football Coach Trey Gainous and Aubie, August 3. The club is also planning the annual "Beat the Bulldogs" parade in Albany on November 12. Contact Carol Tharin at (912) 436-8481.

**Valdosta**—Mike Hubbard, Auburn Network general manager, August 13. Contact Joe B. Crane at (912) 242-1454.

#### TENNESSEE

**Nashville**—Kent Partridge, Assistant Sports Information Director, August 1. Contact Karla Cauthen at (615) 367-2812. Earlier this year, former Auburn football player and Washington Redskin Ron Middleton spoke to the Nashville Auburn Club.

## ATLANTA AUBURN CLUB

### ATLANTA CLUB EXPANSION UNDERWAY

An aggressive membership drive, expanded leadership base, and new meeting place are in store for the Atlanta Auburn Club during the upcoming membership year.

With the alumni population in the Atlanta area approaching 10,000, there exists the potential to have a continually strong and vital Auburn Club. In order to tap into this potential, Membership Chairpersons Kirk Anders and Ginger Singleton are implementing a broader Membership Committee which will include class year, fraternity, and sorority representatives. In addition, a more extensive Phone Committee will be installed in order to personalize the membership drive. While we plan to contact as many of the alumni as possible, it is impossible to contact everyone, so we also encourage anyone with an interest in joining the club and/or the Membership Committee to contact Ginger Singleton (623-9861) or Kirk Anders (916-4295). Club dues are still only \$15/single, \$30/family, and members joining now will be credited with membership for the full 1992-1993 club year.

On June 4, the club had its first monthly meeting at its new location, the Northwest Atlanta Marriott, which is located just off the northern intersection of I-75 and I-285. The Marriott's general manager, Dave Petriska (who is an "honorary" alum) provided a ballroom and buffet food for the occasion, and the large crowd in attendance was greatly appreciative of the Marriott's efforts. There is no charge for attendance or food, and a cash bar is in operation. Upcoming monthly meetings are on August 6, September 3, and October 1 (the first Thursday of each month). The meetings are conducted on an open house basis and run mainly from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. or later.

We need your participation and attendance if the club is to achieve its goals, and we believe that a club membership is vital for all of us who live and work in Bulldog territory. If you have any questions, please call Kirk, Ginger, or Tim O'Neill (971 0907), or the recorded War Eagle Hotline (250-5020), which lists upcoming events. We look forward to seeing you soon. War Eagle, Atlanta!

P.O. Box 76855  
Atlanta, GA 30358

## Four New Clubs Join AU Network

By the end of this year, four new Auburn clubs will have joined the present 115 clubs across the U.S.

One of those new clubs is Auburn's own Lee County Auburn Club, which held its organizational meeting in June. Because of its location, the Lee County Auburn Club will have unique opportunities to serve Auburn University.

Other new clubs include one in Carrollton, Ga., and another in Little Rock, Ark. A club in the Asheville area of Northwest North Carolina is currently in the organizational stages.

Guidelines for organizing new clubs can be obtained from the Alumni Association. For a copy of these guidelines, or for information on how to become involved in the club in your area, contact Genie Brock at (205) 844-1145.



## Heisman's Coaching Set Tiger Football On Proper Course

By Sam Hendrix

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following is the second in our series of special features celebrating a century of Tiger football.

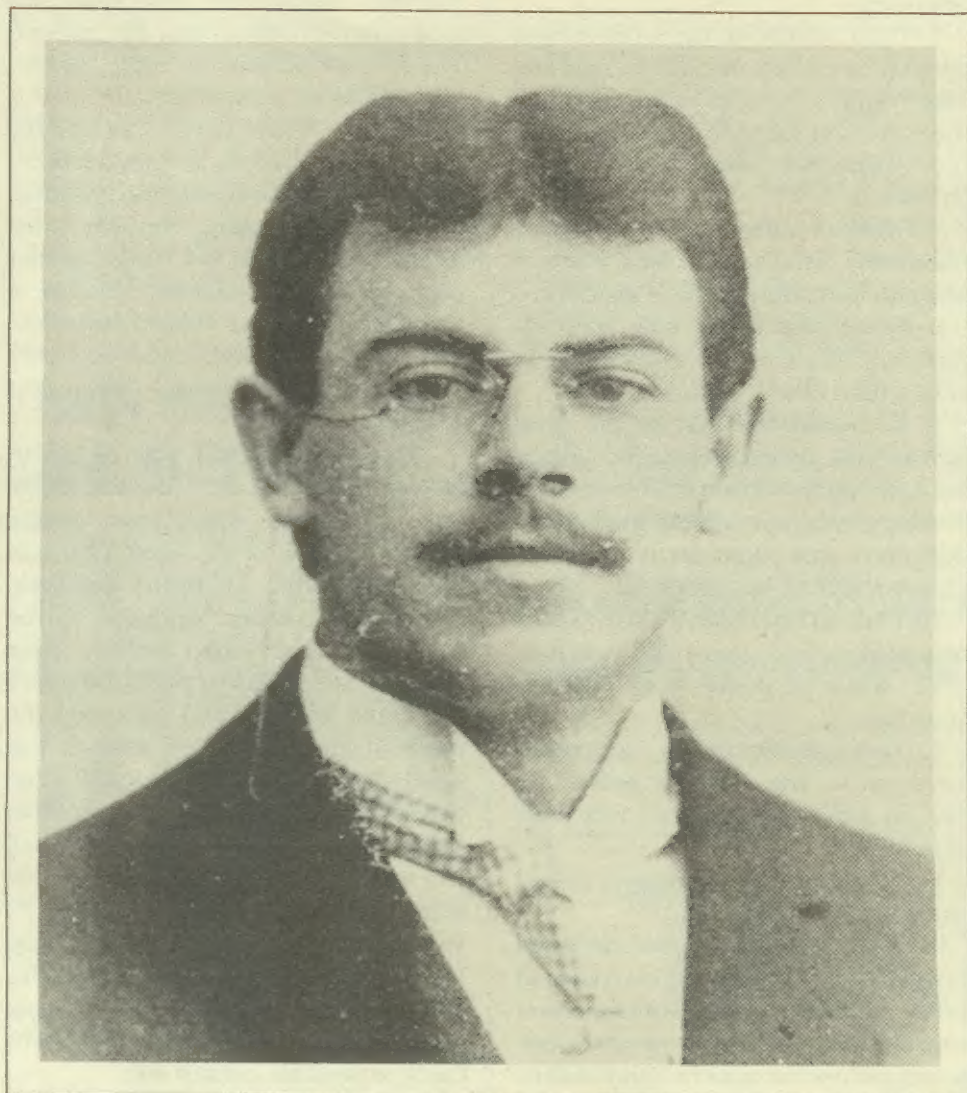
Auburn football began a century ago this year under the tutelage of Dr. George Petrie. But after three seasons and a 6-5-2 record, the Auburn football program was put into the hands of a small yet fiery Ohioan of German descent named John Heisman. From 1895 to 1899, Auburn football was second to none in the South, thanks to his leadership.

Heisman, who would gain the bulk of his fame while coaching Georgia Tech at roughly the same time Mike Donahue was at Auburn, led football charges on the Plains during five seasons. His Auburn teams went 12-4-2 and out-scored their opponents 440-95 in that time. Seven of those dozen wins were shutouts, and Heisman's Auburn boys never lost more than one game in a season.

Heisman and Auburn were 2-1-1 against Georgia, 3-0 against Georgia Tech (out-scoring the Yellow Jackets 137-6), 1-0 against Alabama (a 48-0 drubbing in 1895 in Tuscaloosa), and 1-1-1 against the best team in the South, Sewanee. Heisman would not have such fortune in succeeding years when his Georgia Tech teams played Auburn. Add a Clemson win under Heisman, and the coach's record against Auburn was only 6-10.

John Heisman was small of stature, militaristic in attitude. (One of his favorite quotes was "Tis better to be scorned than pitied.") Born in Cleveland, Ohio, October 23, 1869—two weeks before Princeton and Rutgers would stage the first college football game—Heisman took an early liking to athletics and competition. After graduating with honors from Titusville High in 1887, Heisman entered Brown University where he was a member of the baseball, football, track, and gymnasium teams. He left Brown after two years for the University of Pennsylvania, where he played three different positions on the football squad and was also on the baseball team. He earned a Bachelor of Law degree from Penn in 1892.

In the fall of 1892, young Heisman accepted the head coach's post at Oberlin College in Ohio. His team went undefeated that season. Heisman then went to Buchtell (later Akron) College to coach the baseball and track teams as well as head the gymnasium. After coaching at Oberlin again in 1894, Heisman spent five years at Auburn before moving on to Clemson (where



he took the Auburn colors and Tiger nickname and where his teams went 21-2-1), then to Georgia Tech, where his record was 102-29-6 with a 33-game winning streak and four unbeaten seasons. Later, Heisman coached at

Penn, Washington and Jefferson, and Rice. He was also one of the organizers and first president of the New York Touchdown Club and twice served as president of the American Football Coaches Association.

Heisman retired from coaching at age 60 in 1927 with a career won-lost record of 184-68-16, a winning percentage of .730. At the time of his death in 1936, he was director of athletics of the Downtown Athletic Club of New York, which initiated the Heisman Trophy in his honor in 1935.

Heisman was as tough as any coach during his time or since. As a player, he weighed 158 pounds, small even in those days for a lineman. He consistently fought one-on-one with opponents weighing anywhere from 200 to 250 pounds, which was especially unenviable because participants wore no helmets and few pads in football's early days. The gritty Heisman expected his players to be equally tough.

His practices were long and exhausting, consisting of scrimmage plays and various drills under the coach's scrutiny. Heisman and his megaphone became almost inseparable. He kept water consumption during practice to a minimum and did not allow his players to use soap and warm water for bathing during the season as he felt such luxuries weakened them. He struck foods such as desserts, some fruits, and pork off the training table simply because, as one of his Georgia Tech players later admitted, the coach did not care for them. Players ate beef cooked very rare. They also ran lap after lap to be as physically strong as possible.

Heisman's list of Don'ts, like Shug Jordan's Seven Ds of Success, became his personal philosophy of life and football. Somewhere on the wall of every locker room where John Heisman

### —Pregame Reading

## Dye's *In the Arena* Interesting for Fans and Foes Alike

Though others have often put words in his mouth, Auburn head coach and former athletic director Pat Dye—for one reason or another—has often been unwilling or unable to comment on many of the events surrounding the athletic program since he took control of it in 1981.

In his new, soon-to-be-released autobiography, *In the Arena*, written in collaboration with author and journalist John Logue '55, Dye remedies that oversight. From his childhood on a farm in rural Blythe, Ga., to his pre-Auburn career as a coach at Alabama, East Carolina, and Wyoming, to the trials and tribulations of the Tigers' 1992 season, Auburn's sometimes controversial coach tells his story in a highly personal and readable style.

As is his way, Dye doesn't avoid controversy. Instead, he takes the opportunity to share his side of episodes involving Jeff Burger, Brent Fullwood, and even Charlie Dare. He also recalls games won and lost, and

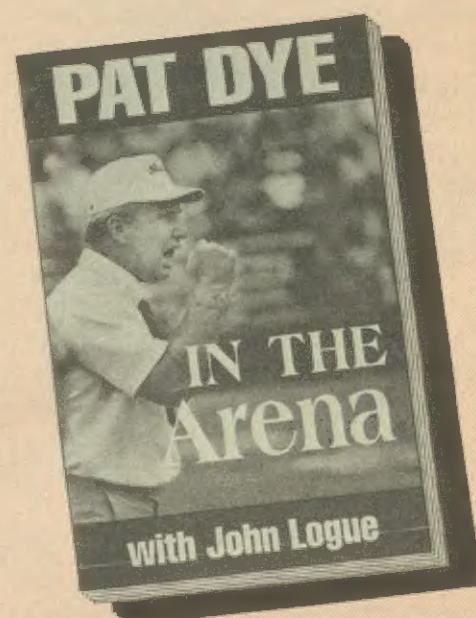
discusses how each victory and loss came about.

Dye's assessments of players and coaches he has worked with or competed against also make interesting reading. Bo Jackson, Shug Jordan, Bear Bryant, Johnny Majors, Ray Perkins, and Jackie Sherrill are just a few of those whose paths Dye has crossed during his playing and coaching career.

Like its author, the book is occasionally rough around the edges, jumping from one topic or time to another and back again. But the effect is pure Dye, and it gives the book a style matching his own.

In short, *In the Arena* is a good read, not just for Auburn fans, but for anyone with an interest in football—particularly Southern football. Most readers, be they Dye detractors or fans, should find it well worthwhile.

Also worthwhile are Dye's intentions to devote his share of profits from the book to helping build a



home for children in need and to provide AU scholarships.

To find out how to order your copy of *In the Arena*, call Black Belt Press, toll-free, at 1-800-959-3245, or write *In the Arena*, P.O. Box 551, Montgomery, AL 36101-0551. —MJ



prepared a football team for battle were the following mandates:

- “Don’t try to play without your head.
- Don’t forget signals.
- Don’t be late in lining up.
- Don’t have your feet in the way of the snapback.
- Don’t let your opponent get the charge on you.
- Don’t look toward where the play is going.
- Don’t jab your fingers into a snapped ball.
- Don’t catch it on your wrists.
- Don’t let it hit you on the chest.
- Don’t coil your arm around the ball’s belly.
- Don’t hold it on your stomach.
- Don’t stick it out in front when you are downed.
- Don’t hesitate about falling on it ever.
- Don’t forget to pull it loose from an opponent.
- Don’t forget to stiff-arm.
- Don’t go into the line with your head up.
- Don’t see how light you can hit, but how hard.
- Don’t cuss.
- Don’t argue with the officials.
- Don’t lose the game.”

*Birmingham News* sports editor Zipp Newman wrote of Heisman, “He had great imagination and he was a great experimenter, always trying something new. Heisman loved the South and the Dixie boys’ flair for football. He was a friendly man and went out of his way to teach football to newspapermen. He picked the first all-Southern team.”

Part of Heisman’s great imagination manifested itself on the stage, where the coach was a Shakespearean actor. He was particularly fond of the role of Macbeth, but it was Hamlet who, at the beginning of each football season, would assemble the troops, hold up the ball as the Melancholy Dane would raise poor Yorick’s skull, and recite his own dramatic monologue: “What is this? A prolate spheroid, that is, an elongated sphere, in which the outer leathern casing is drawn tightly over a somewhat smaller rubber tubing.” No doubt he paused and glared at the players before delivering the closing line: “Better to have died as a small boy than to fumble this football.”

The actor in Heisman didn’t diminish as the games began, either. Legend has it he would coach by instructing in the manner of one of Shakespeare’s characters, urging something like, “Thrust your projections into their cavities, grasping them about the knees and depriving them of their means of propulsion. They must come to earth, locomotion being denied them,” to explain tackling opposing ball carriers.

Heisman’s innovation was most evident when his teams had the ball. His offensive ideas were clearly documented:

1. Try end runs on first or second down.
2. Never order two end runs in succession.
3. Don’t try an end run when the ball

is less than 25 yards from your goal, unless from punt formation.

4. Don’t try an end run close to the boundary.
5. Try to divide up the work so you won’t wear out any one player...But any man ought to be able to take the ball three times in succession at least.
6. When you find a weak spot, hammer it.
7. When a substitute comes in for opponents, send several hard plays at him and find out what he is good for.
8. Never pass inside your own 30-yard line. The best down on which to pass is third. The second is not bad.
9. If toward the end of the third quarter you appear hopelessly beaten because you have been unable to make headway with your running game, jump right into a pass game. Let at least three plays out of four be passes.
10. Punt on first down if close to your own goal.

11. When in doubt, punt anyway, anywhere.

12. Don’t give the ball to your punter for a run on the play just before the one on which he probably will have to punt.

13. Call signals in a snappy, cheery tone.

One of Heisman’s most heralded innovations came during his years in Auburn. Heisman and two of his players were discussing football strategy before the season opener against Vanderbilt in 1895 when the coach mentioned that someone had once asked him whether it was a rules violation to conceal the ball. Heisman said that he saw nothing wrong with this, but that he could not see how to work such a trick. The two players—team captain William Shafer and quarterback Reynolds “Tick” Tichenor—had an idea: hide the ball beneath a jersey.

Against Vanderbilt, Auburn tried this play. Taking the center snap, Tichenor

faked a handoff to one of the backs as the linemen surrounded him. Hidden from the view of the Vandy men, Tichenor slipped the ball under his jersey and crouched near the ground. The mass of players ran right, quarterback Tichenor remaining huddled as if shaken up. When Vandy pursued the group, Tichenor rose and sped around the left side untouched to the goal line. Auburn lost that game, Heisman’s first as Auburn’s coach, 9-6, but used the play again that season, scoring a touchdown on it as Auburn and Heisman closed 1895 with a 16-6 win over Georgia and its legendary coach, Pop Warner.

The forward pass was illegal in college football in 1895, but the efforts of John Heisman would soon change the complexion of the sport. Heisman was in Atlanta to scout Georgia, Auburn’s upcoming opponent, as the Bulldogs played North Carolina. When Carolina attempted to punt, Georgia’s line broke through and pressured the punter, who scrambled toward the sideline hoping to salvage enough room to get his kick away. The Tar Heel player surprised everyone by lobbing the ball to a teammate a few yards upfield. This fellow grabbed the ball and raced 70 yards to the end zone. Despite Pop Warner’s heated protests that the forward pass broke the rules, officials allowed the play to stand and North Carolina won the contest 6-0.

Heisman, who had been trying to think of some way to spread out the game because of the vast number of serious injuries and even deaths that had occurred in recent years, saw this technique as a way to do just that. Heisman had learned first hand how rough football was. Once, while playing for Penn, he leaped through the line to attempt to block a punt—and succeeded with his nose. Also, one of his Oberlin teams was greeted at home

following a game by fans who mistook the bruised and limping boys for train wreck victims.

It took several years of pleading, but Heisman’s persistence paid off in 1906 when Walter Camp’s rules committee ok’d the forward pass. Among his many ideas for football, this one was the most influential.

Until 1896 Auburn had played its football games usually in either Atlanta’s Brisbane Park (which had a slanted field), or in Montgomery, with the 1893 Alabama game in Birmingham. Heisman was the first Auburn coach to arrange for the team to play a game on campus. Georgia Tech, which Auburn had faced three times in Atlanta at this point, visited Auburn on November 7, 1896. The teams played on the hard dirt between what is now Samford Hall and Foy Union Building on the Auburn campus. Auburn won 40-0, but a dance that evening after the game in honor of the Tech fellows, and probably some imported coeds, showed there were no hard feelings.

Perhaps John Heisman’s most important game as Auburn coach came in 1899 in his final appearance with Auburn. The Tigers closed the season and the century against what the *News* Newman called “The South’s first great team:” the Sewanee Mountain Tigers. Sewanee was 11-0 heading into the season finale, having out-scored its opponents 311-0 despite playing a demanding schedule which called for four of the games to be played within a six-day span. A blocked kick cost Auburn a point, and Sewanee escaped with an 11-10 win. The near upset of nationally recognized Sewanee put Auburn’s football program on the rise.

Time may have seen Auburn employ coaches equally esteemed in the eyes of its followers, but no Auburn man ever meant more to college football than John Heisman. **AA**

## HASHMARKS

### Major Leagues Draft Two...

Two Tiger pitchers, Scott Sullivan and Mark Fuller, were **drafted in the 1992 major league baseball draft** June 1. Sullivan, a junior walk-on who earned a scholarship in 1991, was a late-round pick of the Milwaukee Brewers. Fuller, a senior who made the SEC Academic Honor Roll in both 1991 and 1992, signed as a free agent with the New York Mets.

### Wright is NFL’s Fastest...

Former Tiger wide receiver Alexander Wright, now of the NFL’s Dallas Cowboys, was the winner of the league’s **Fastest Man** competition, held recently in Palm Desert, Calif. Wright, who was seeded

second in the eight-man field, won the 60-yard dash with a time of 6.14 seconds, edging Randal Hill of the Phoenix Cardinals.

### Former Tigers Olympics-Bound...

Former Lady Tiger basketball players Vickie Orr and Carolyn (C.J.) Jones are among 12 members selected to compete on the **U.S. team in the 1992 Summer Olympics** in Barcelona, Spain. Orr, a three-time All-America honoree and number two on the Lady Tigers’ career scoring list with 2,035 points, played center for Coach Joe Ciampi from 1986 to 1989. Jones, who twice earned All-America status from her guard spot while a Lady Tiger from 1988 to 1991, was the first player ever

to earn consecutive SEC Player of the Year honors.

### 15 Tigers Walk the Aisle...

A record **15 former AU football players graduated** during spring quarter commencement June 10, including two who received master’s degrees. Among the graduates were offensive linemen Anthony Brown, Mike Boring, Ross Fletcher, and Ron Burchfield; defensive linemen Benji Roland, Richard Shea and Jon Wilson; defensive back Dean Haertel; quarterbacks Danny Raines and David Crum; linebacker Anthony Judge; wide receivers Shayne Wasden and Stefan Weir; running back Chad Mulenburg; and kicker Jim Von Wyl.



## SGA Establishes Aubie Fan Club

Auburn fans of all ages are invited to become charter members of the new Aubie Fan Club, sponsored by AU's Student Government Association.

For a \$10 annual membership fee, club members will receive a twice-yearly newsletter, photos of Aubie, an official membership card, and a membership certificate suitable for framing. In addition, the SGA plans special promotions such as t-shirts and get-togethers for Aubie Fan Club members.

"Professional athletes and movie stars have fan clubs, so we thought as much as young Auburn fans love Aubie, they would probably enjoy an Aubie Fan Club," said Celeste Poteat, the SGA's director of Aubie.

Membership dues will support club activities, travel for Aubie to and from AU ballgames and other official events, and help pay for upkeep of the new Aubie suit that will be unveiled for the first time this fall.

For registration materials or information about the club, write the Aubie Fan Club, P.O. Box 1676, Auburn, AL 36831-1676, or call (205) 844-4240.

## Wanted: One API Cadet Uniform

In conjunction with the celebration of several centennials on campus this year, the AU Center for the Arts and Humanities and the University Archives are seeking a pre-World War I Alabama Polytechnic Institute cadet's uniform for loan or donation.

If you have such a uniform and would be willing to allow it to be photographed and returned or to donate it to the AU Archives, please contact Leah Atkins, Director, AU Center for the Arts and Humanities, Auburn University, AL 36849, or call (205) 844-4946.

## Subjects Sought For Health Study

AU graduate student Frank Heredeen is seeking former Tiger football players who played between the years 1982 and 1991 to participate in his master's degree research study on the relationship between nutritional habits and cardiovascular risks among football linemen.

Participation in the study requires the completion of a questionnaire, the recording of three days' food intake, and the drawing of a small blood sample, along with the taking of weight, height, skinfold, and blood pressure measurements. In return, participants will receive an analysis of diet quality, blood cholesterol and triglyceride, and nutritional counseling, if desired.

Former Tiger linemen willing to participate in this important study may contact Heredeen or his major professor, Robin Fellers, for more information. Write to Frank Heredeen, School of Human Sciences, 328 Spidle Hall, Auburn University, AL 36849, or call Heredeen at (205) 844-3290, or Fellers at (205) 844-3270.

## Busy Season Set For AU Theatre

Five productions by the AU players plus the four-day American College Theatre Festival competition highlight the 1992-93 season for the Auburn Department of Theatre.

An "early bird" season pass—available for those ordering before midnight on Aug. 31—will offer a \$10 discount off the regular \$35 cost. AU productions for the coming year include:

*The Passion of Dracula*, Oct. 7-11;  
*Steel Magnolias*, Nov. 12, 13, 15, 19, 20, and 21;  
*Romeo and Juliet*, Feb. 4-7;  
*The Bald Soprano/The Chairs*, Apr. 20-25;  
*Marat/Sade, or The Persecution and Assassination of Jean-Paul Marat as Performed by the Inmates of the Asylum of Charenton Under the Direction of the Marquis De Sade*, May 20-23 and 27-29.

All performances will be in Telfair-Peet Theatre and will begin at 8 p.m., except for Sunday matinees, which begin at 2 p.m.

In addition to the AU productions, the university will host regional competition of the American College Theatre Festival (ACTF). A dozen or more Southeastern university theatre groups will come to Auburn to perform full productions Feb. 10-13, with the winners moving on to the national finals at Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., later in the year. All ACTF productions are part of the \$35 early bird season pass. Those buying season tickets after Aug. 31 will have to purchase ACTF tickets separately, dependent on availability.

For more information or to reserve tickets, call the AU Theatre box office at (205) 844-4748.

## ABC to Provide Pay-Per-View Football Fixes

Thanks to a new pay-per-view plan to be introduced by ABC Sports this fall, Tiger fans far from the plains will have the chance to watch Auburn and other SEC football broadcasts even if those games are not part of the regular regional telecast schedule in their area.

ABC will make its regional games

available on a pay-per-view basis, so that viewers may opt to watch those games even if they are not the games televised in their area. While viewers will have the usual option to watch the game chosen for them in their region on their local ABC station, they may also choose to watch other games being televised by ABC that are not being shown over the air in their area.

The cost of this pay-per-view service is expected to be less than \$10. Contact your local cable company for details and check your local TV listings for the games being shown over the air and on pay-per-view.

## Sixth Alumni Band Set Homecoming

The sixth annual Alumni Band reunion for all former members of the

Auburn University Band will be held on Homecoming, Oct. 24.

The reunion will begin on Saturday morning with coffee and doughnuts, followed by rehearsals in the Goodwin Band Hall and on Hinton Practice Field with the current student band. A lunch will then precede the Homecoming football game with Southwestern Louisiana, during which the Alumni Band will play in the stands and perform on the field at half-time.

The band office continues to update its mailing list of former band members, and detailed information on the sixth annual Alumni Band should be mailed out in August.

To have your name added, or if you would like more information, contact the band office by writing: Auburn University Band, 132 Goodwin Music Building, Auburn University, AL 36849-5421, or calling (205) 844-4166.

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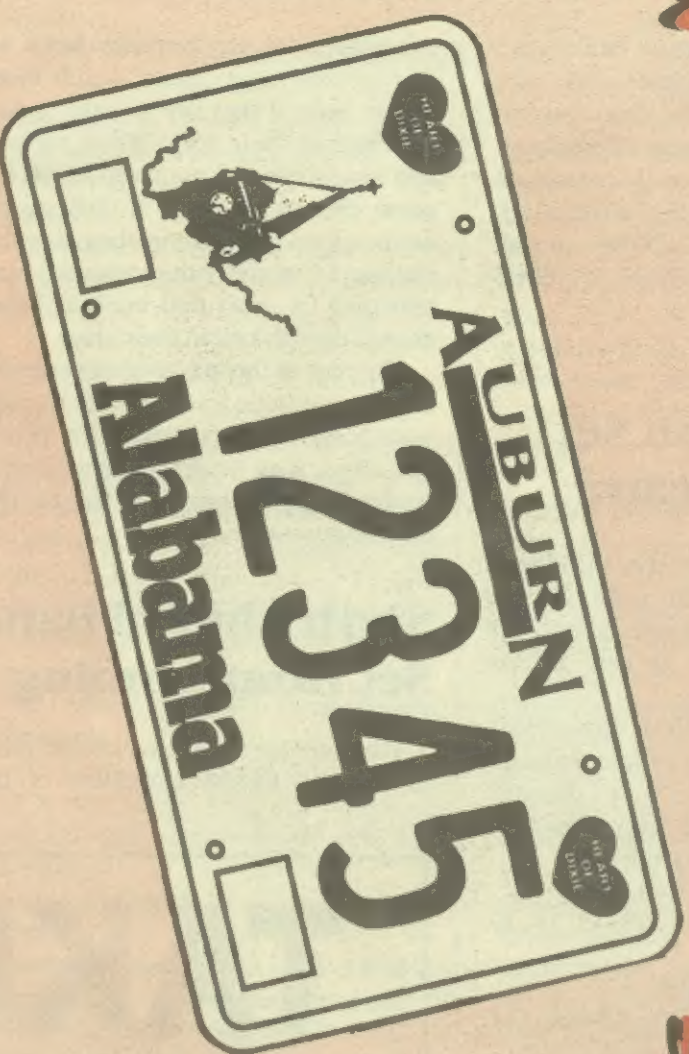
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